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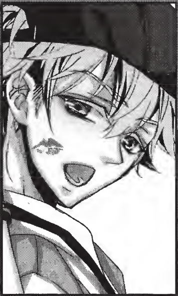
Story and Characters

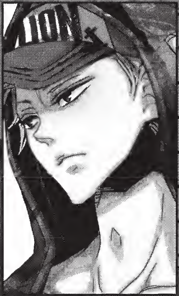
ANRI ISEYA
A BOY ENSHROUDED IN MYSTERY.
THE LEADER OF THE DICTATOR BRIGADE.

TAIGA TAKACHIHO
16-YEAR-OLD TRANSFER STUDENT.
HER TROUBLES: STRONG-WILLED, CAN'T BE HONEST ABOUT HER FEELINGS FOR THE BOY SHE LOVES.

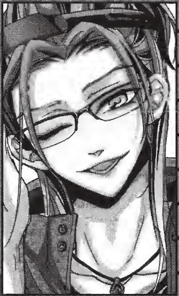
The Dictator Brigade



SENA KAGURAZAKA
LOOKS CUTE, BUT HAS AN ACID TONGUE.



KUROGANE GOJO
LOOKS SCARY, BUT ACTUALLY KIND.



MIKIHITO OHTORI
COOL AND COLLECTED. IN FACT, DOWNRIGHT CHILLY.

TAIGA TAKACHIHO, WHO HAS A COMPLEX OVER HER STRONG-WILLED PERSONALITY, IS 16. JUST AFTER MOVING, SHE ENCOUNTERS A STRANGE BOY WITH A KYOTO ACCENT PASSED OUT IN AN ABANDONED BUILDING. WHEN SHE GIVES THE STARVING BOY A BEVERAGE, HE STEALS A KISS UNDER THE GUISE OF MOUTH-FEEDING. WHEN THE NEW SCHOOL TERM BEGINS, THE BOY, ANRI ISEYA, TURNS OUT TO BE A STUDENT AT HER NEW SCHOOL AND DECLARES THAT HE'LL BE HER PET!

AS HE TEASES HER, SHE LETS HIS PROVOCATION GET TO HER, AND TAIGA ENDS UP TAKING ANRI IN AS HER PET. WHEN HE HELPS HER AS SHE DEALS WITH ANRI, TAIGA FALLS FOR ANRI'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND KUROGANE. BUT THEN ANRI FINDS OUT ABOUT HER PURE FEELINGS!!

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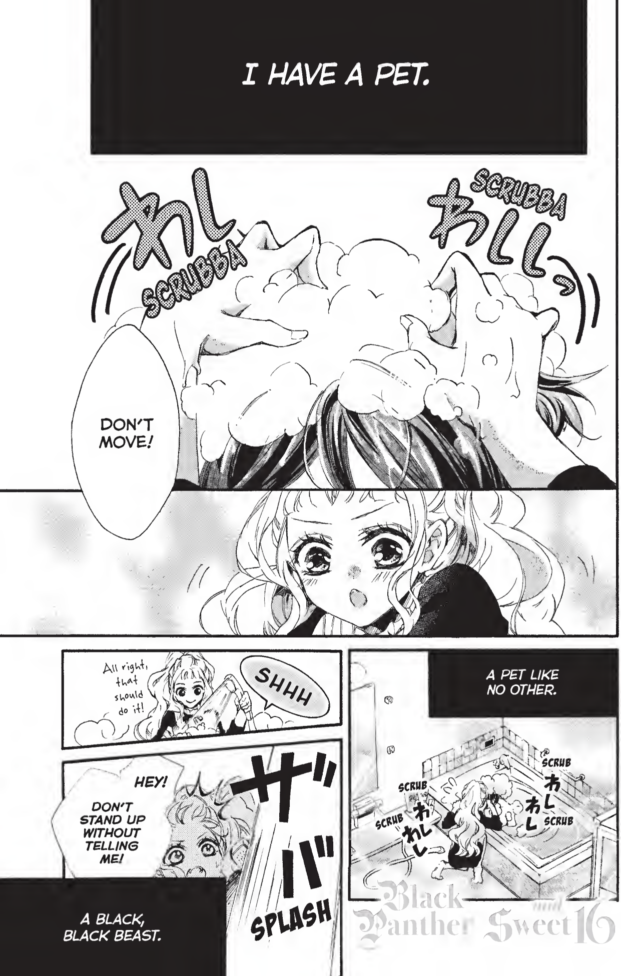
I HAVE A PET.
わしし
SCRUBBA
わし
SCRUBBA
DON'T MOVE!
A PET LIKE NO OTHER.
わし SCRUB
わし SCRUB
わしし SCRUB
わしし SCRUB
SHHH
All right, that should do it!
ザバ
SPLASH
HEY! DON'T STAND UP WITHOUT TELLING ME!
A BLACK, BLACK BEAST.
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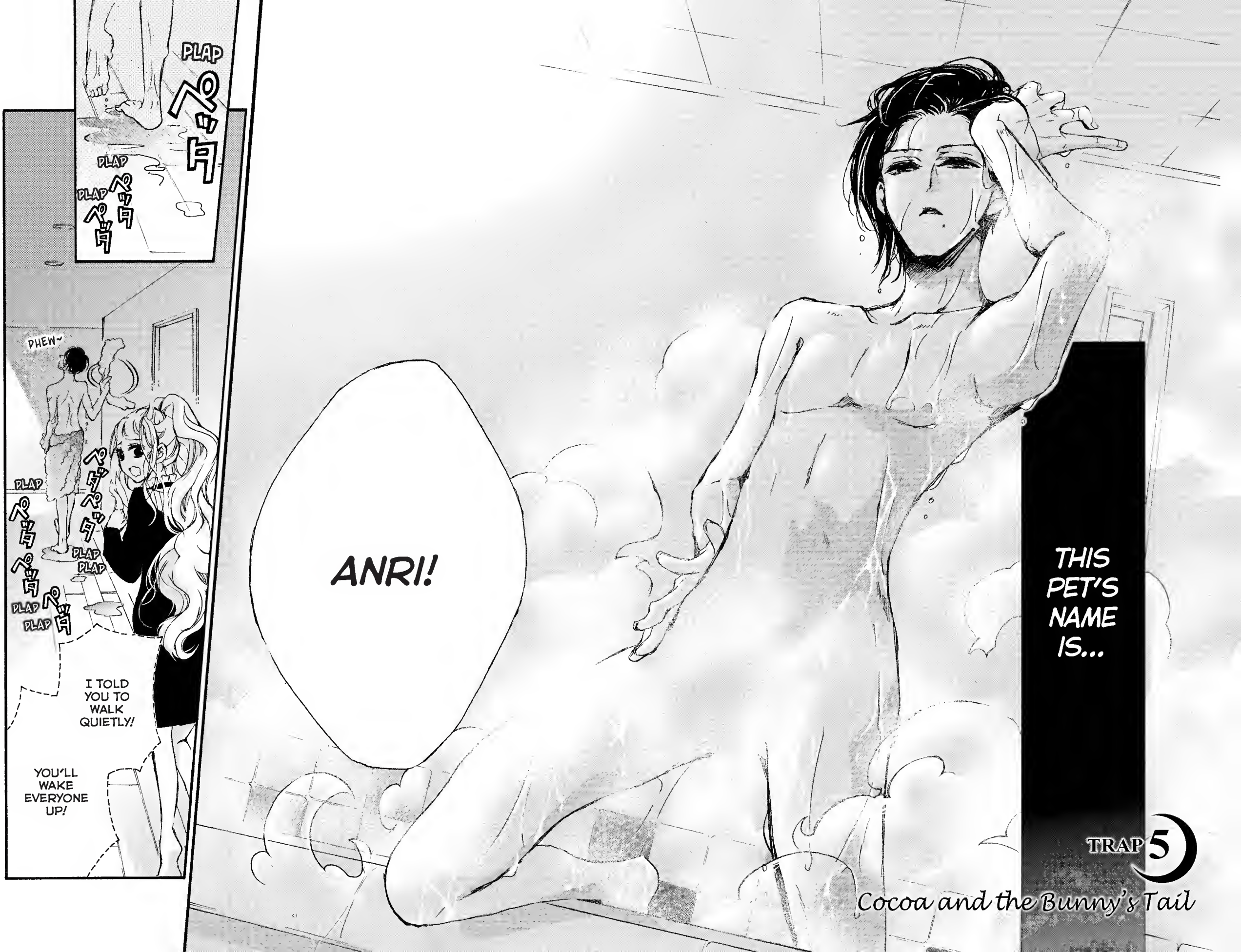
THIS PET'S NAME IS...
ANRI!
PLAP
ペッタ
PLAP
ペッタ
PLAP
ペタ
PHEW~
ペダペッタ
PLAP
ペッタ
ペッタ
PLAP
PLAP
ペタ
PLAP
PLAP
I TOLD YOU TO WALK QUIETLY!
YOU'LL WAKE EVERYONE UP!

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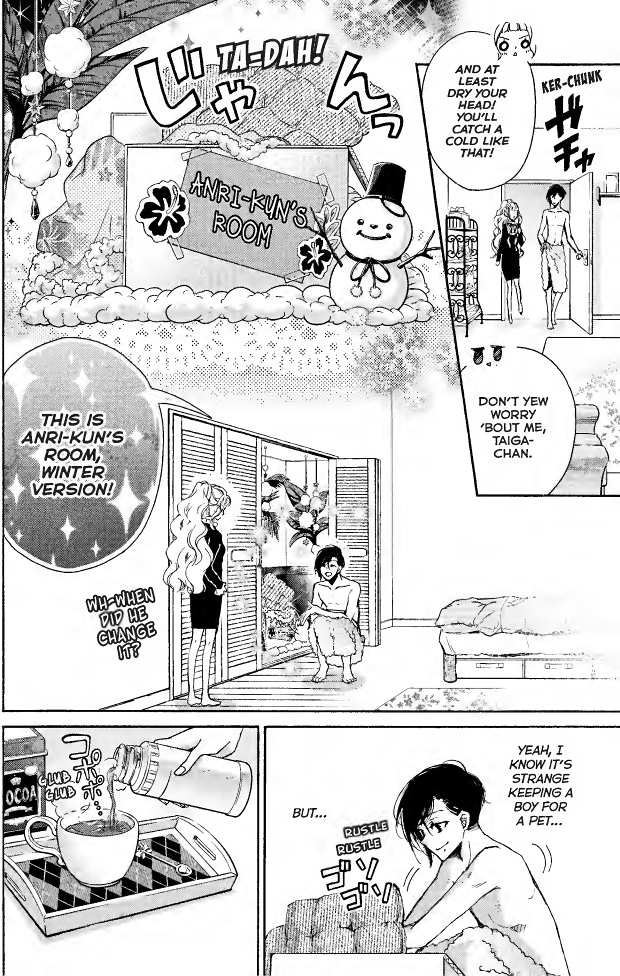
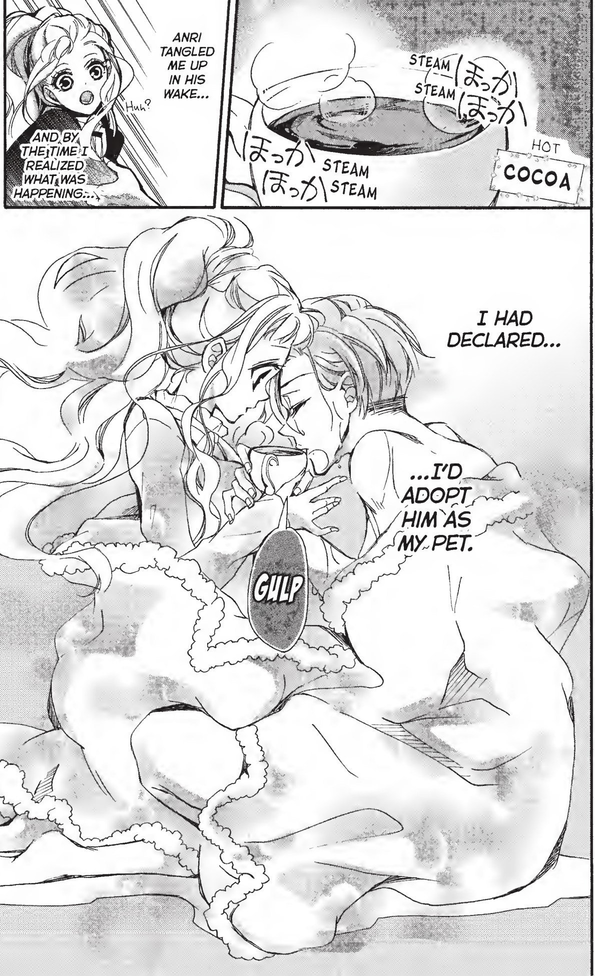
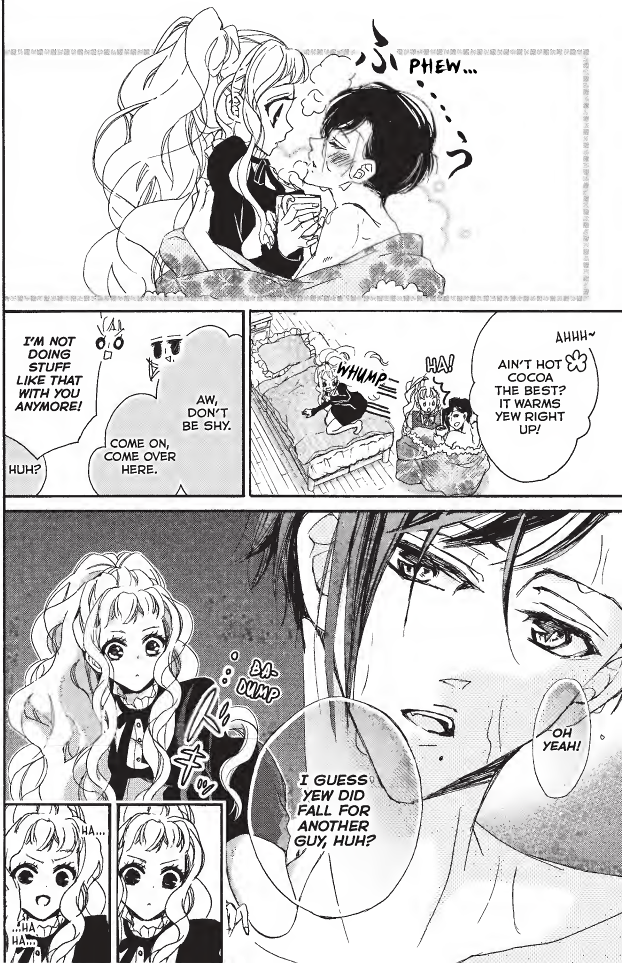
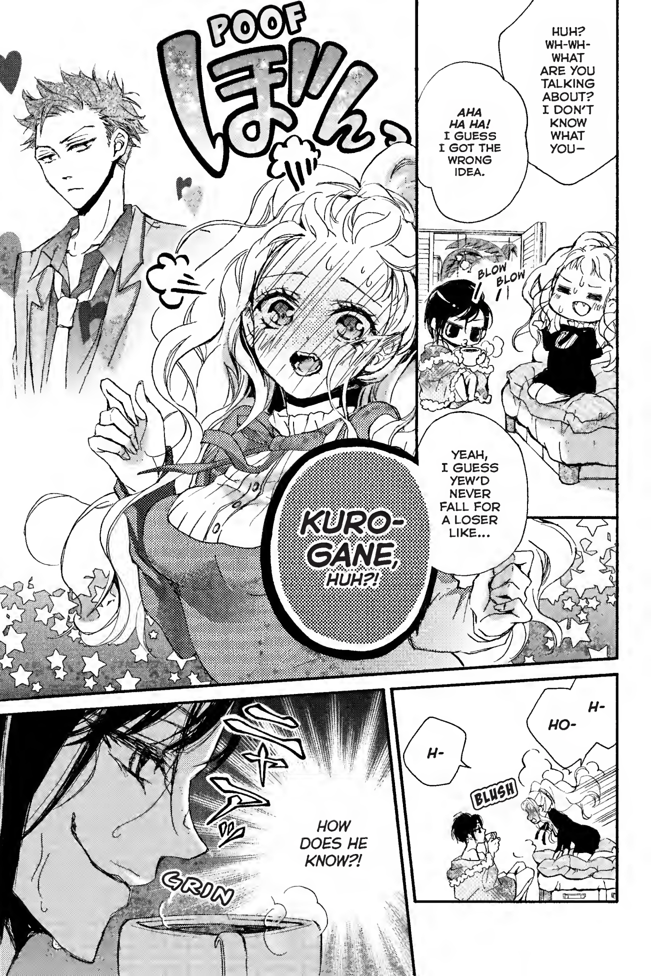
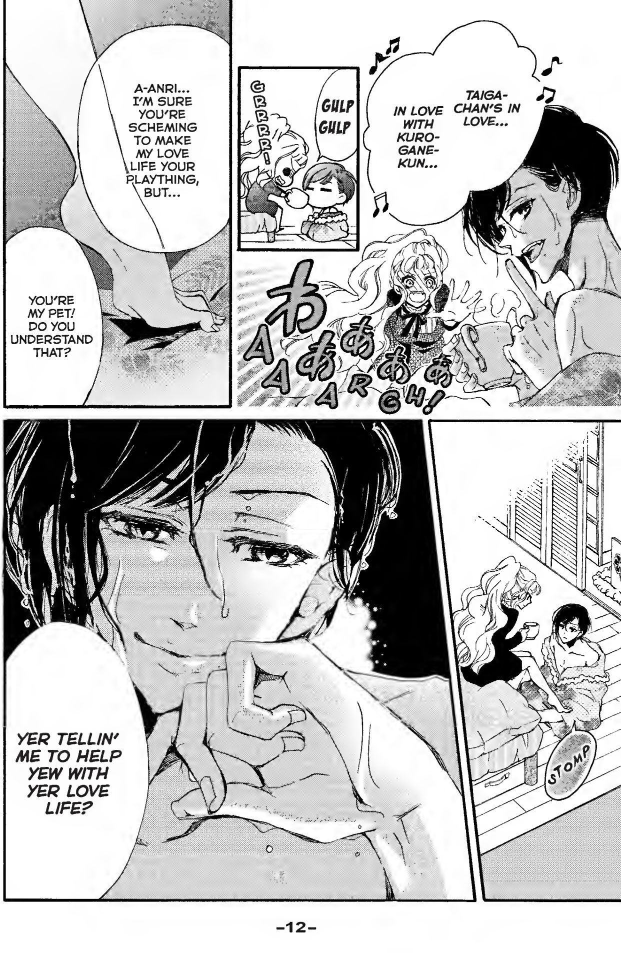
Cocoa and the Bunny's Tail

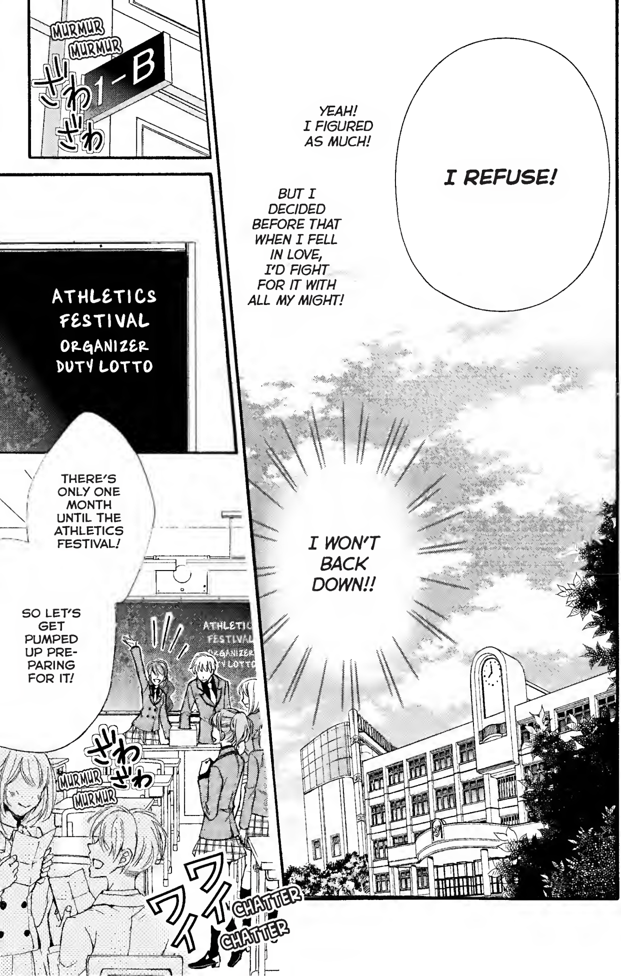

AND AT LEAST DRY YOUR HEAD! YOU'LL CATCH A COLD LIKE THAT!
KER-CHUNK
ガチャ
DON'T YEW WORRY 'BOUT ME, TAIGA-CHAN.
じゃんっ
TA-DAH!
ANRI-KUN'S ROOM
THIS IS ANRI-KUN'S ROOM, WINTER VERSION!
WH-WHEN DID HE CHANGE IT?
YEAH, I KNOW IT'S STRANGE KEEPING A BOY FOR A PET...
BUT...
RUSTLE RUSTLE
ゴソゴソ
コポポ…
GLUB GLUB
COCOA

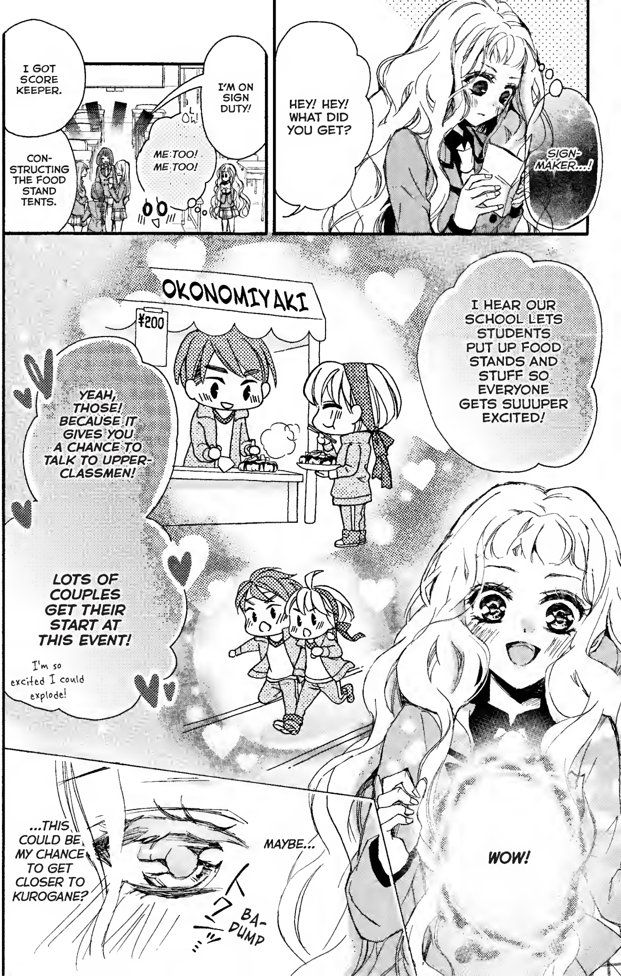

STEAM ほっか
STEAM ほっか
ほっか STEAM
ほっか STEAM
HOT
COCOA
ANRI TANGLED ME UP IN HIS WAKE...
Huh?
AND BY THE TIME I REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING...
I HAD DECLARED...
...I'D ADOPT HIM AS MY PET.
GULP

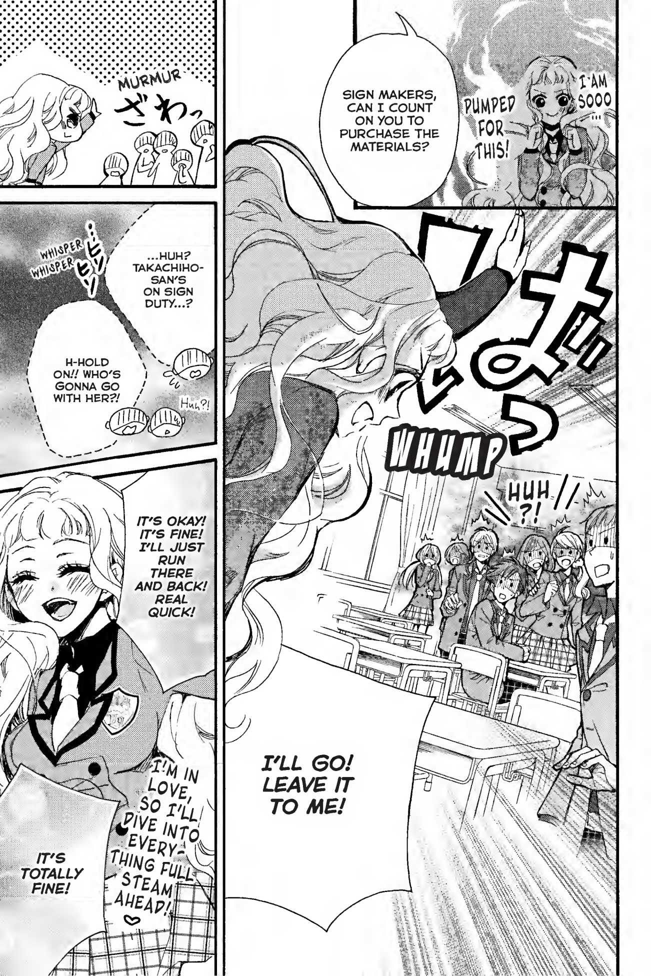

ふ PHEW...
AHHH~
AIN'T HOT COCOA THE BEST? IT WARMS YEW RIGHT UP!
HA!
WHUMP
AW, DON'T BE SHY.
COME ON, COME OVER HERE.
HUH?
I'M NOT DOING STUFF LIKE THAT WITH YOU ANYMORE!
OH YEAH!
I GUESS YEW DID FALL FOR ANOTHER GUY, HUH?
BA-DUMP
ドキ
HA...
...HA HA...

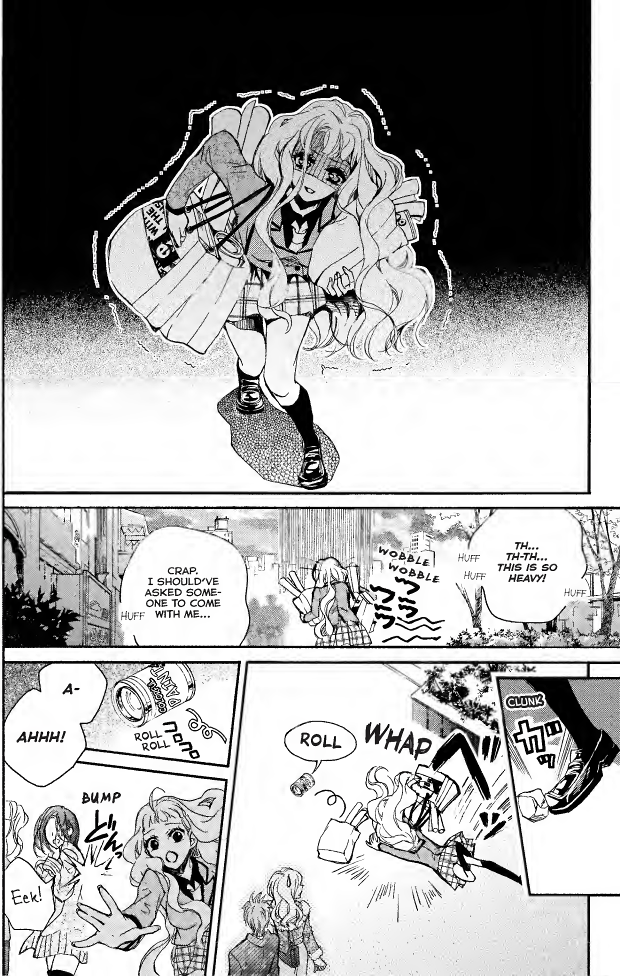

HUH? WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU—
AHA HA HA! I GUESS I GOT THE WRONG IDEA.
BLOW BLOW
YEAH, I GUESS YEW'D NEVER FALL FOR A LOSER LIKE...
POOF
ぼんっ
KURO-GANE, HUH?!
H-
HO-
H-
BLUSH
ニヤァ
GRIN
HOW DOES HE KNOW?!


TAIGA-CHAN'S IN LOVE...
IN LOVE WITH KURO-GANE-KUN...
あぁぁぁぁぁ
AAAARGH!
GULP GULP
GRRRR!
A-ANRI... I'M SURE YOU'RE SCHEMING TO MAKE MY LOVE LIFE YOUR PLAYTHING, BUT...
YOU'RE MY PET! DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
STOMP
YER TELLIN' ME TO HELP YEW WITH YER LOVE LIFE?


I REFUSE!
YEAH! I FIGURED AS MUCH!
BUT I DECIDED BEFORE THAT WHEN I FELL IN LOVE, I'D FIGHT FOR IT WITH ALL MY MIGHT!
I WON'T BACK DOWN!!
1-B
ざわざわ
MURMUR MURMUR
ATHLETICS FESTIVAL ORGANIZER DUTY LOTTO
THERE'S ONLY ONE MONTH UNTIL THE ATHLETICS FESTIVAL!
SO LET'S GET PUMPED UP PREPARING FOR IT!
ATHLETIC FESTIVAL ORGANIZER DUTY LOTTO
ざわざわ
MURMUR MURMUR
ワイワイ
CHATTER CHATTER


HEY! HEY! WHAT DID YOU GET?
SIGN-MAKER...!
I'M ON SIGN DUTY!
OH!
ME TOO! ME TOO!
I GOT SCORE KEEPER.
CONSTRUCTING THE FOOD STAND TENTS.
I HEAR OUR SCHOOL LETS STUDENTS PUT UP FOOD STANDS AND STUFF SO EVERYONE GETS SUUUPER EXCITED!
OKONOMIYAKI
¥200
YEAH, THOSE! BECAUSE IT GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO TALK TO UPPERCLASSMEN!
LOTS OF COUPLES GET THEIR START AT THIS EVENT!
I'm so excited I could explode!
WOW!
MAYBE...
...THIS COULD BE MY CHANCE TO GET CLOSER TO KUROGANE?
BA-DUMP


SIGN MAKERS, CAN I COUNT ON YOU TO PURCHASE THE MATERIALS?
I AM SOOO ...
PUMPED FOR THIS!
MURMUR
ざわっ
WHISPER WHISPER
ヒソヒソ
...HUH? TAKACHIHO-SAN'S ON SIGN DUTY...?
H-HOLD ON!! WHO'S GONNA GO WITH HER?!
Huh?!
ばっ
WHUMP
I'LL GO! LEAVE IT TO ME!
HUH?!
IT'S OKAY! IT'S FINE! I'LL JUST RUN THERE AND BACK! REAL QUICK!
I'M IN LOVE, SO I'LL DIVE INTO EVERYTHING FULL STEAM AHEAD!♡
IT'S TOTALLY FINE!

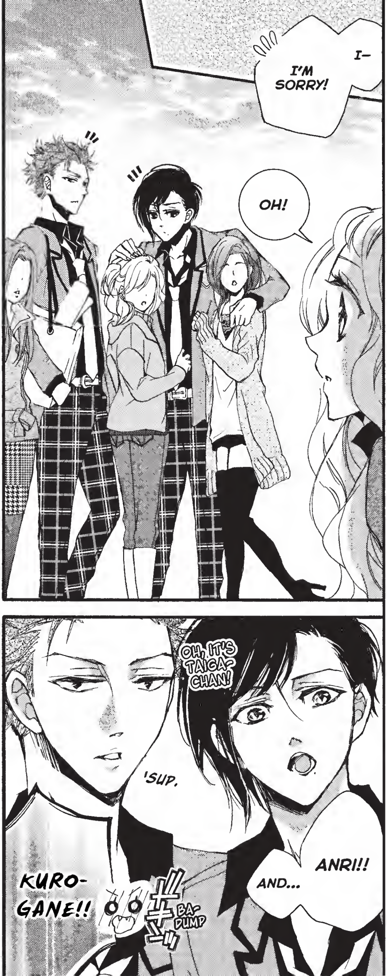

HUFF
TH... TH-TH... THIS IS SO HEAVY!
HUFF
HUFF
WOBBLE WOBBLE
CRAP. I SHOULD'VE ASKED SOME-ONE TO COME WITH ME...
HUFF
CLUNK
WHAP
ROLL
A- AHHH!
ROLL ROLL
BUMP
Eek!

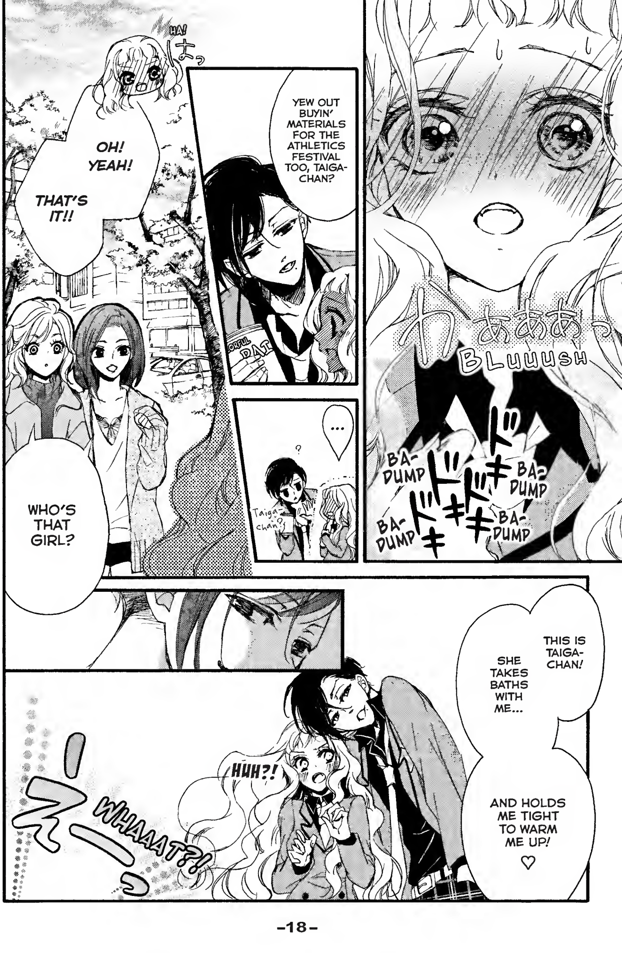
1 ABOUT ANRI

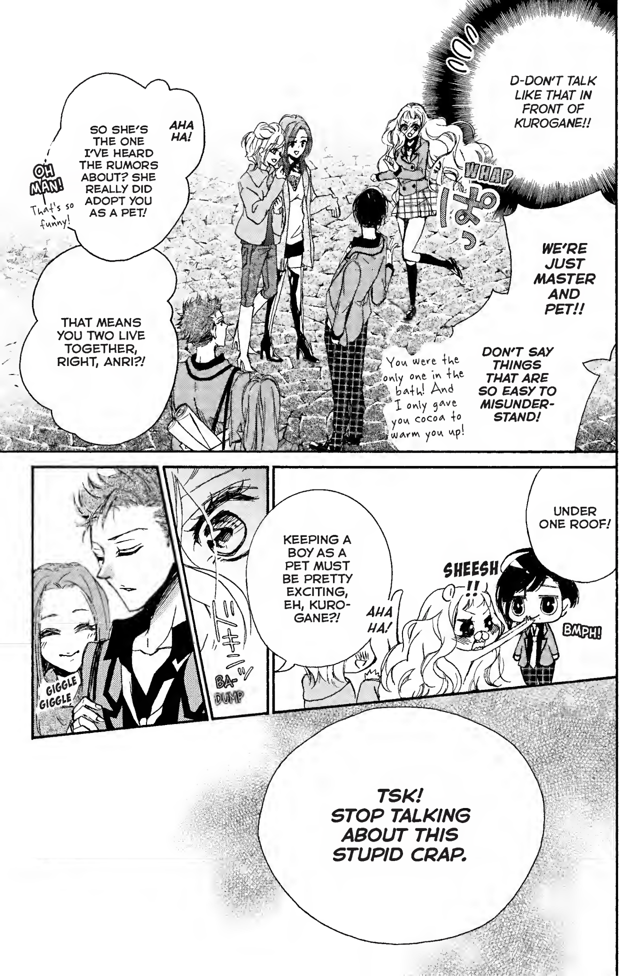
HE'S PROBABLY THE MOST EXPRESSIVE CHARACTER OUT OF ALL THE MANY MEN I'VE DRAWN SO FAR. YOUR FRIEND TORIUMI HAS A LOT OF FUN DRAWING HIM!! ALTHOUGH...I WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER MY READERS WOULD ACCEPT HIM.

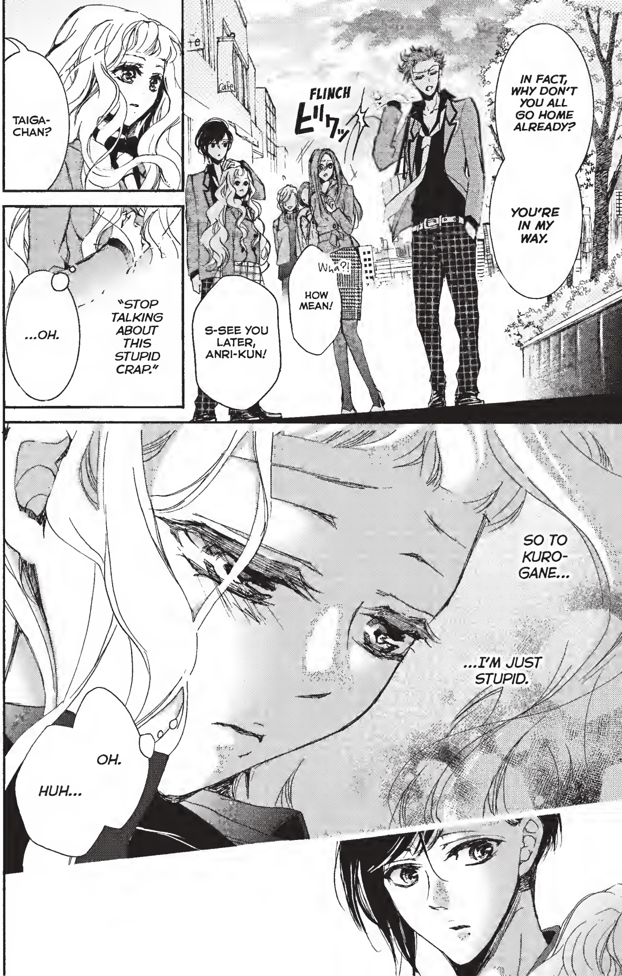
BUT I WAS REALLY HAPPY WHEN I GOT A LOT OF COMMENTS LIKE, "I LOVE ANRI!" IN THE FEEDBACK FOR VOLUME 1 AND STUFF.

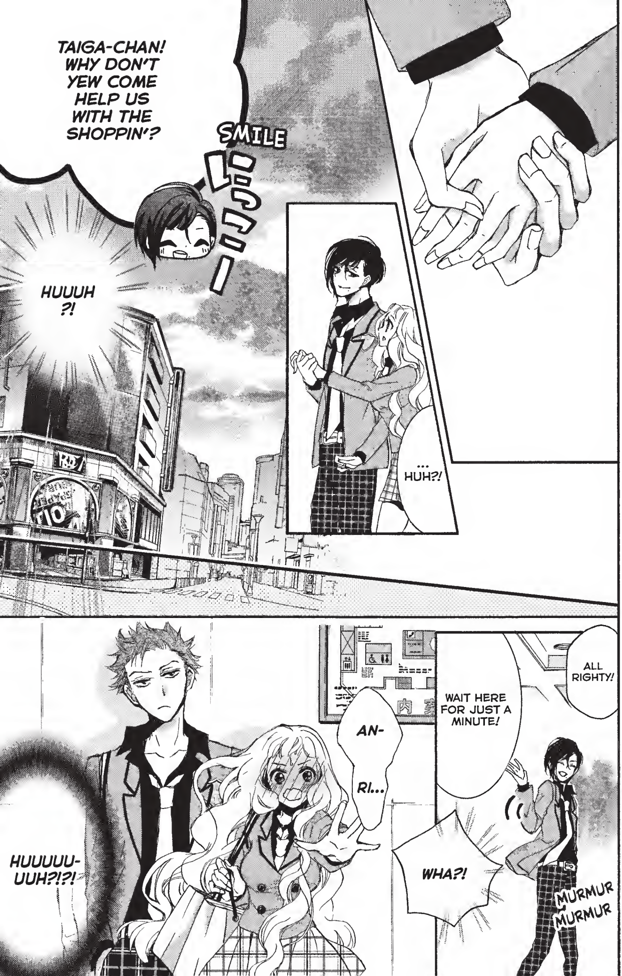
Good for you, Anri.
I'm gonna run even wilder!

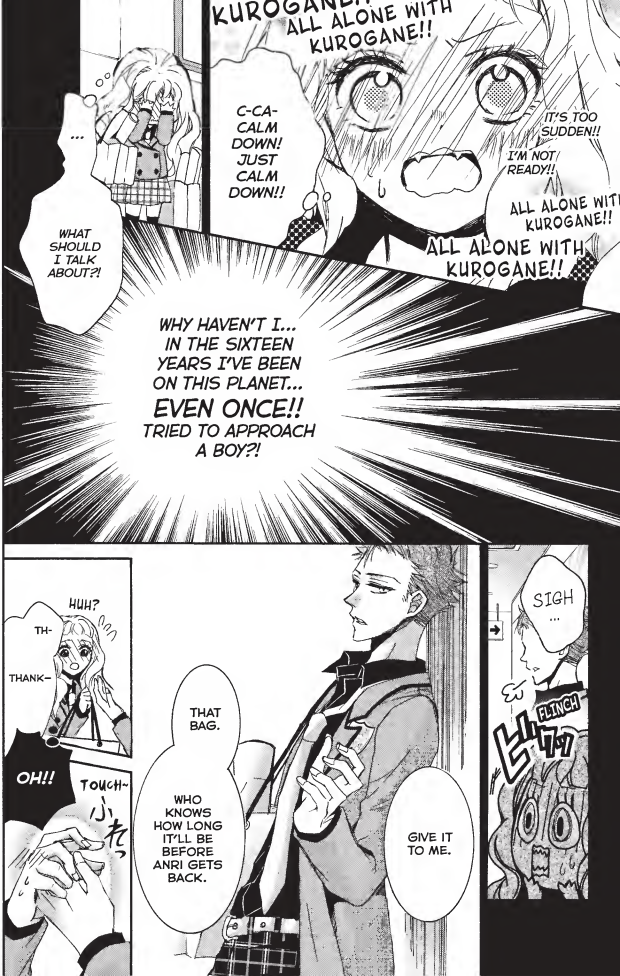

I— I'M SORRY!
OH!
OH, IT'S TAIGA-CHAN!
'SUP.
ANRI!!
AND...
KURO-GANE!!
BA-DUMP

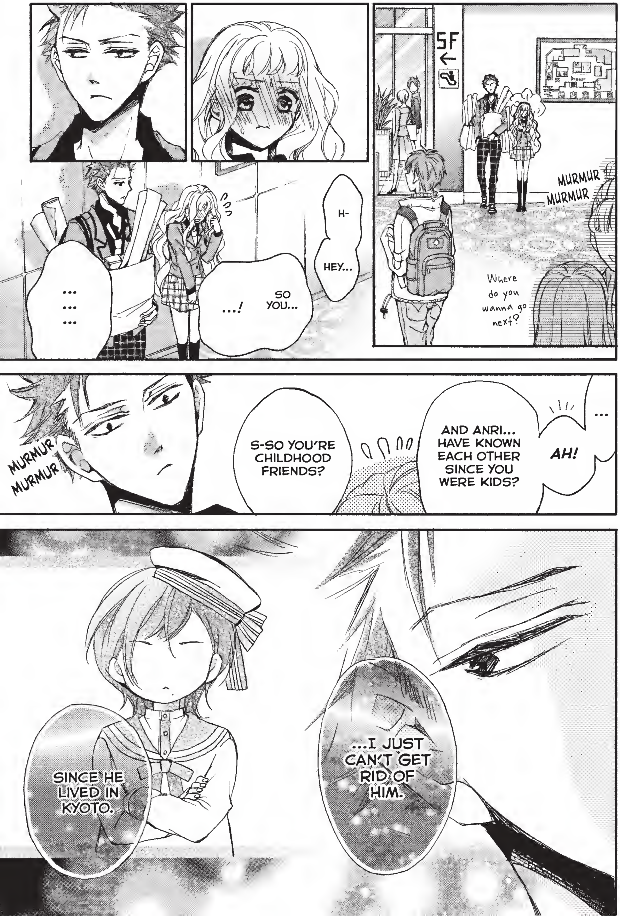

わあああっ
BLUUUSH
ドキドキドキドキ
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
YEW OUT BUYIN' MATERIALS FOR THE ATHLETICS FESTIVAL TOO, TAIGA-CHAN?
ORFUL DAI
...
?
Taiga-chan?
はっ
HA!
OH! YEAH!
THAT'S IT!!
WHO'S THAT GIRL?
THIS IS TAIGA-CHAN!
SHE TAKES BATHS WITH ME...
AND HOLDS ME TIGHT TO WARM ME UP! ♡
HUH?!
えーっ
WHAAAT?!

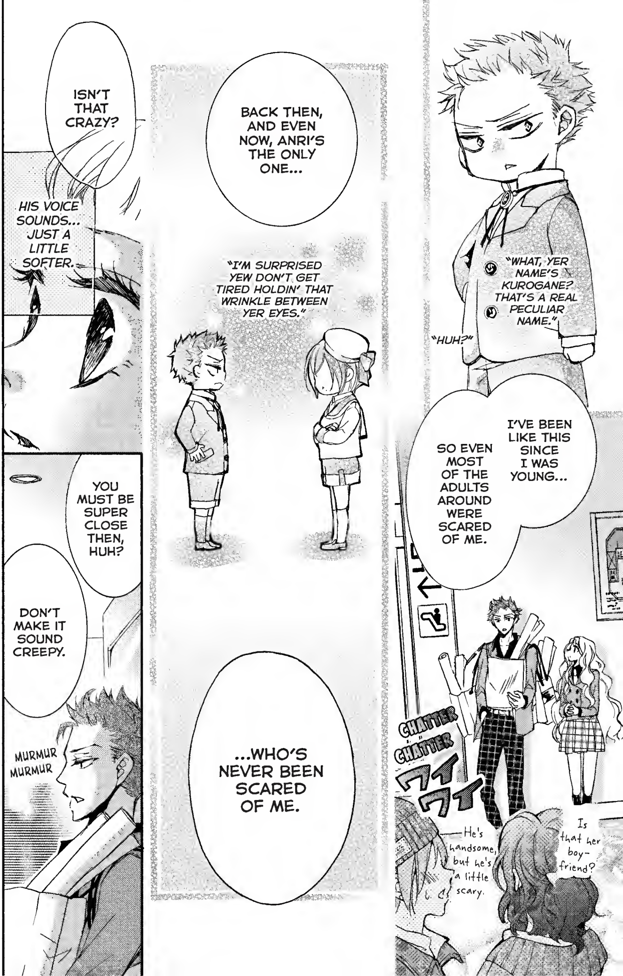

D-DON'T TALK LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF KUROGANE!!
WHAP
WE'RE JUST MASTER AND PET!!
DON'T SAY THINGS THAT ARE SO EASY TO MISUNDERSTAND!
You were the only one in the bath! And I only gave you cocoa to warm you up!
AHA HA!
SO SHE'S THE ONE I'VE HEARD THE RUMORS ABOUT? SHE REALLY DID ADOPT YOU AS A PET!
OH MAN!
That's so funny!
THAT MEANS YOU TWO LIVE TOGETHER, RIGHT, ANRI?!
UNDER ONE ROOF!
BMPH!
SHEESH!!
KEEPING A BOY AS A PET MUST BE PRETTY EXCITING, EH, KUROGANE?!
AHA HA!
BA-DUMP
GIGGLE GIGGLE
TSK! STOP TALKING ABOUT THIS STUPID CRAP.

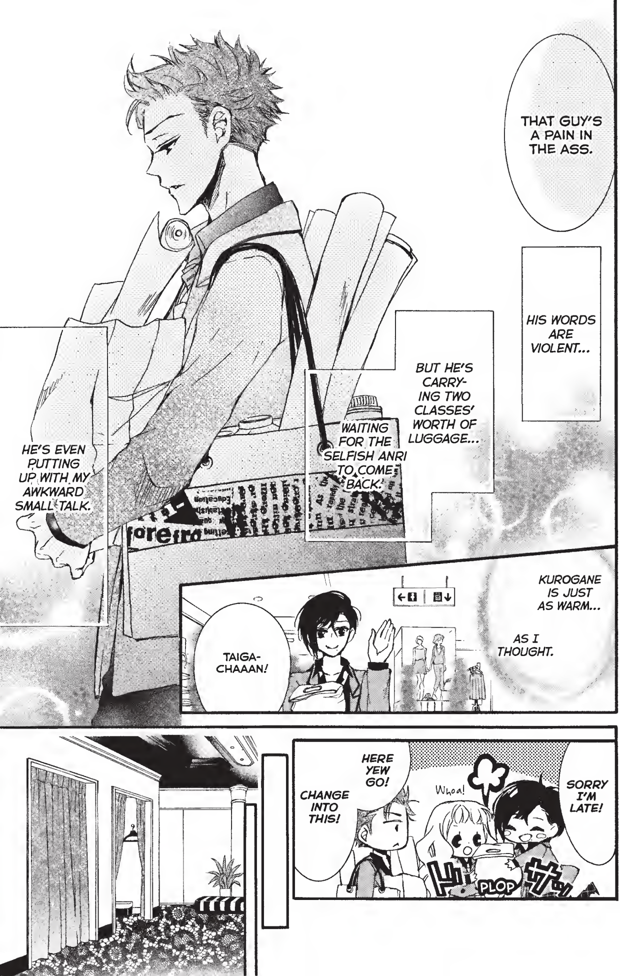

IN FACT, WHY DON'T YOU ALL GO HOME ALREADY?
YOU'RE IN MY WAY.
FLINCH ビクッ
Wha?!
HOW MEAN!
S-SEE YOU LATER, ANRI-KUN!
TAIGA-CHAN?
"STOP TALKING ABOUT THIS STUPID CRAP."
...OH.
SO TO KUROGANE...
...I'M JUST STUPID.
OH.
HUH...

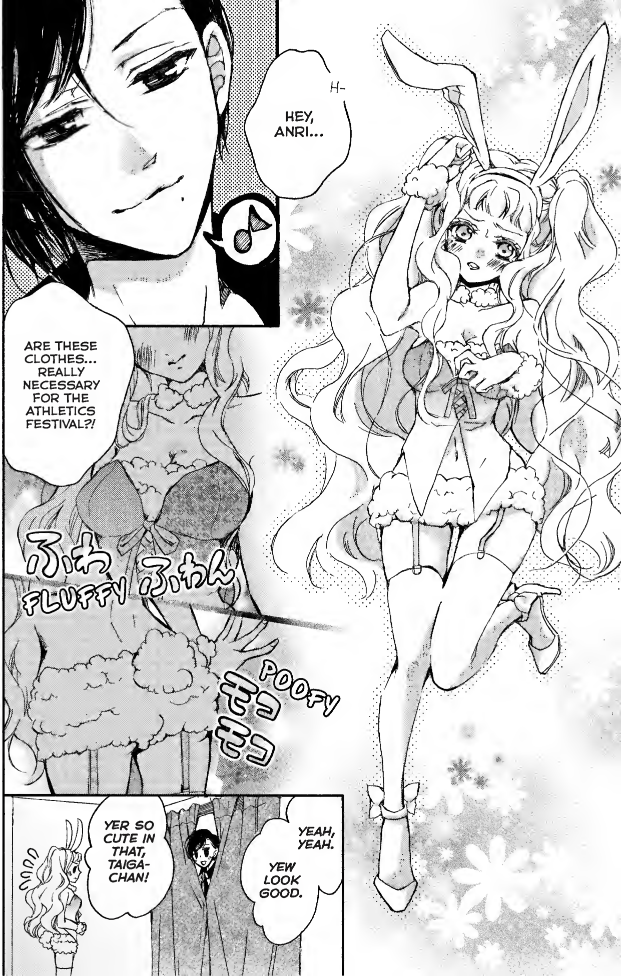

... HUH?!
TAIGA-CHAN! WHY DON'T YEW COME HELP US WITH THE SHOPPIN'?
SMILE
にっこー
HUUUH?!
ALL RIGHTY!
WAIT HERE FOR JUST A MINUTE!
WHA?!
MURMUR MURMUR
AN-RI...
HUUUUU-UUH?!?!

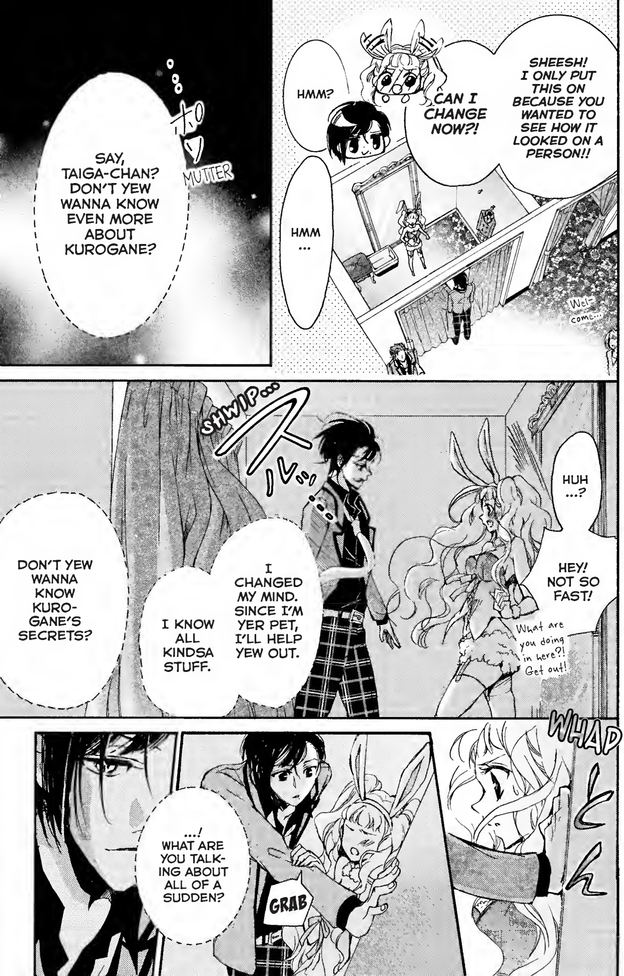

KUROGANE!!
ALL ALONE WITH KUROGANE!!
IT'S TOO SUDDEN!!
I'M NOT READY!!
ALL ALONE WITH KUROGANE!!
ALL ALONE WITH KUROGANE!!
C-CA- CALM DOWN! JUST CALM DOWN!!
...
WHAT SHOULD I TALK ABOUT?!
WHY HAVEN'T I... IN THE SIXTEEN YEARS I'VE BEEN ON THIS PLANET... EVEN ONCE!! TRIED TO APPROACH A BOY?!
SIGH ...
FLINCH
ビクッ
THAT BAG.
GIVE IT TO ME.
WHO KNOWS HOW LONG IT'LL BE BEFORE ANRI GETS BACK.
HUH?
TH-
THANK-
OH!!
TOUCH~
ふれっ

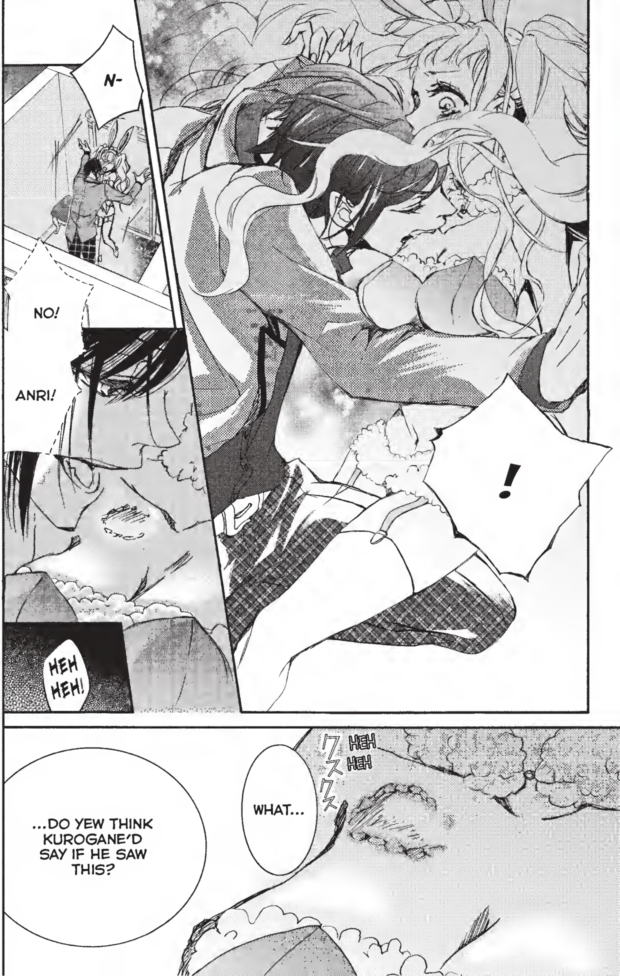

5F
MURMUR MURMUR
Where do you wanna go next?
H- HEY...
SO YOU...
...!
... ...
...
AH!
AND ANRI... HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE YOU WERE KIDS?
S-SO YOU'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS?
MURMUR MURMUR
...I JUST CAN'T GET RID OF HIM.
SINCE HE LIVED IN KYOTO.

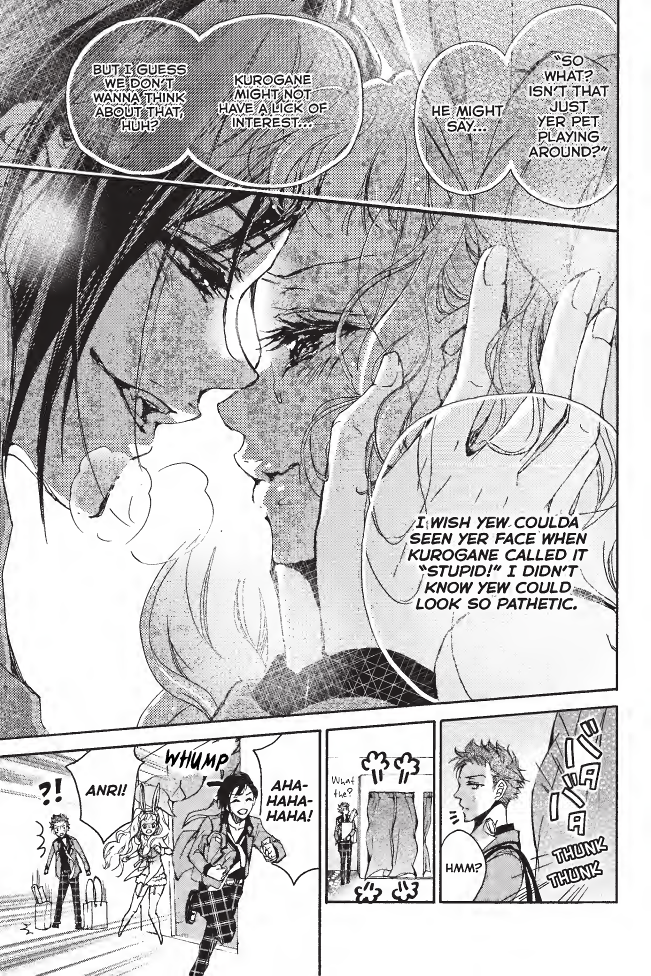

"WHAT, YER NAME'S KUROGANE? THAT'S A REAL PECULIAR NAME."
"HUH?"
I'VE BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE I WAS YOUNG...
SO EVEN MOST OF THE ADULTS AROUND WERE SCARED OF ME.
CHATTER CHATTER
ワイワイ
Is that her boy-friend?
He's handsome, but he's a little scary.
BACK THEN, AND EVEN NOW, ANRI'S THE ONLY ONE...
"I'M SURPRISED YEW DON'T GET TIRED HOLDIN' THAT WRINKLE BETWEEN YER EYES."
...WHO'S NEVER BEEN SCARED OF ME.
ISN'T THAT CRAZY?
HIS VOICE SOUNDS... JUST A LITTLE SOFTER.
YOU MUST BE SUPER CLOSE THEN, HUH?
DON'T MAKE IT SOUND CREEPY.
MURMUR MURMUR

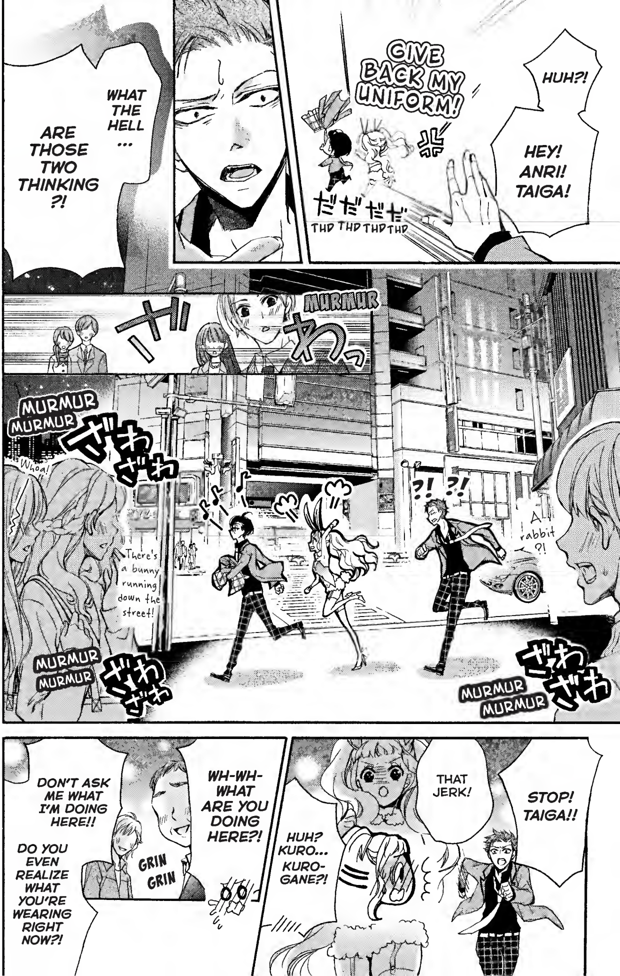

THAT GUY'S A PAIN IN THE ASS.
HIS WORDS ARE VIOLENT...
BUT HE'S CARRYING TWO CLASSES' WORTH OF LUGGAGE...
WAITING FOR THE SELFISH ANRI TO COME BACK.
HE'S EVEN PUTTING UP WITH MY AWKWARD SMALL TALK.
KUROGANE IS JUST AS WARM...
AS I THOUGHT.
TAIGA-CHAAAN!
SORRY I'M LATE!
HERE YEW GO!
Whoa!
CHANGE INTO THIS!
PLOP

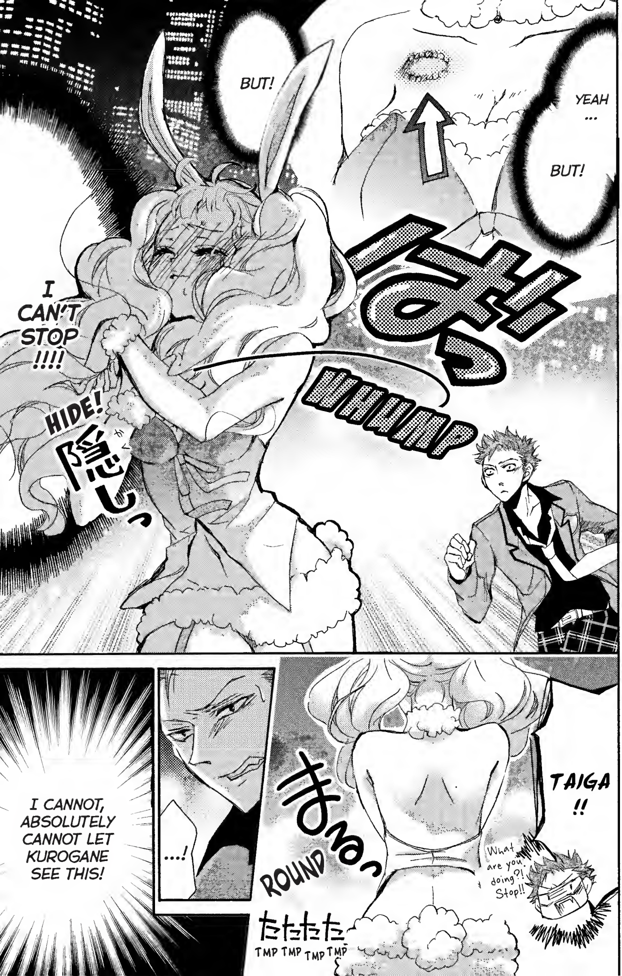

H-
HEY, ANRI...
♪
ARE THESE CLOTHES... REALLY NECESSARY FOR THE ATHLETICS FESTIVAL?!
ふわ FLUFFY ふわん
POOFY モコモコ
YEAH, YEAH.
YEW LOOK GOOD.
YER SO CUTE IN THAT, TAIGA-CHAN!

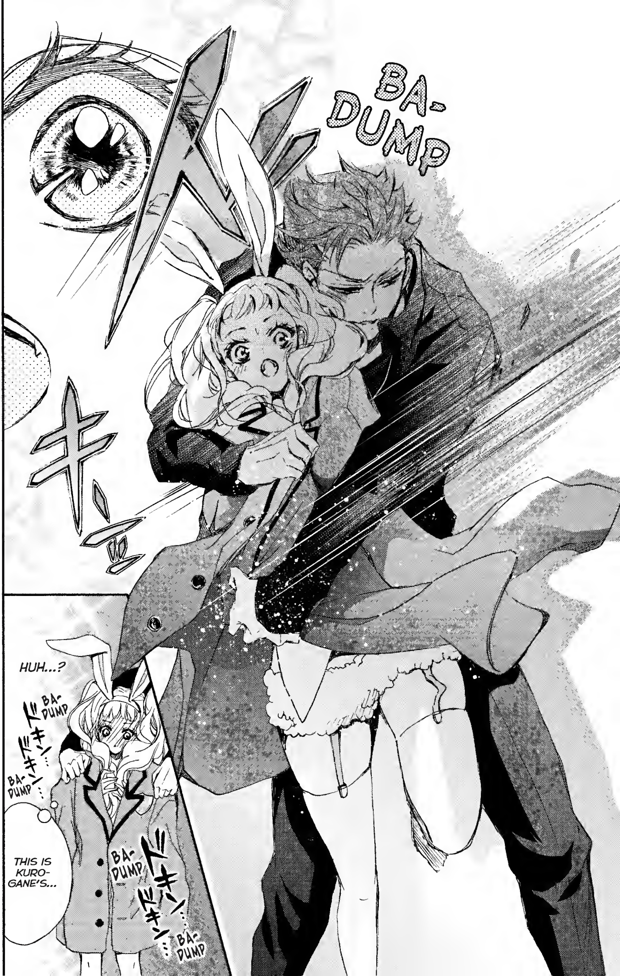

SHEESH! I ONLY PUT THIS ON BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO SEE HOW IT LOOKED ON A PERSON!!
CAN I CHANGE NOW?!
HMM?
HMM ...
Wel-come...
SAY, TAIGA-CHAN? DON'T YEW WANNA KNOW EVEN MORE ABOUT KUROGANE?
MUTTER
HUH ...?
HEY! NOT SO FAST!
What are you doing in here?! Get out!
SHWIP
I CHANGED MY MIND. SINCE I'M YER PET, I'LL HELP YEW OUT.
I KNOW ALL KINDSA STUFF.
DON'T YEW WANNA KNOW KURO-GANE'S SECRETS?
WHAP
GRAB
...! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ALL OF A SUDDEN?

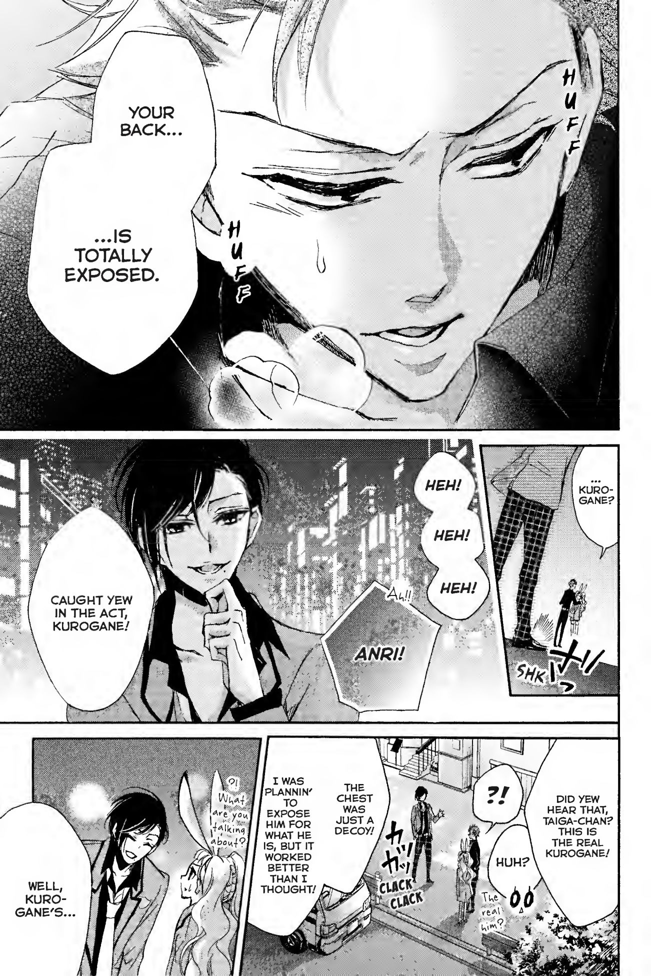

N-
!
NO!
ANRI!
HEH HEH!
クスクス HEH HEH
WHAT...
...DO YEW THINK KUROGANE'D SAY IF HE SAW THIS?

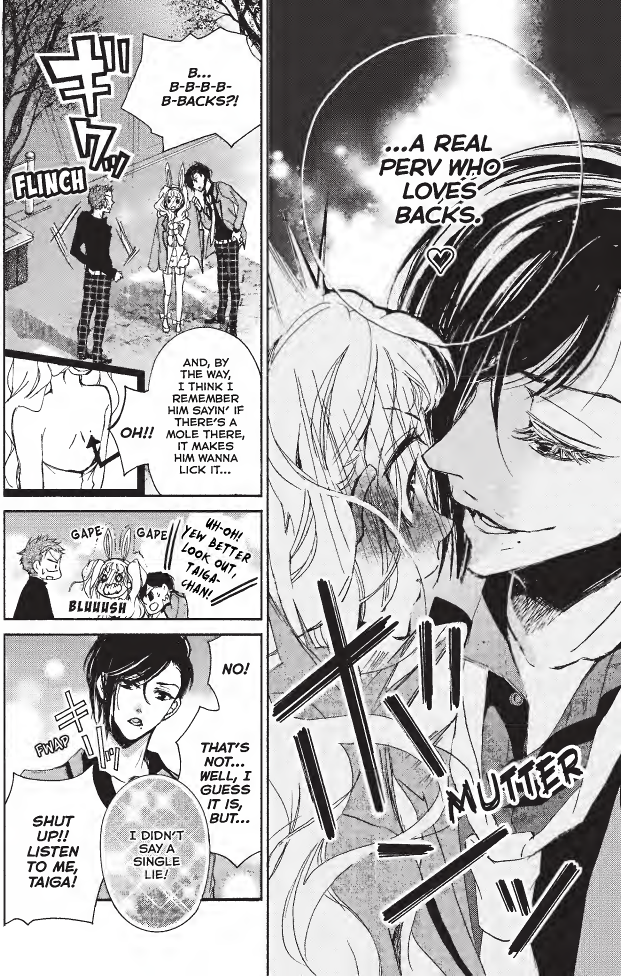

HE MIGHT SAY...
"SO WHAT? ISN'T THAT JUST YER PET PLAYING AROUND?"
KUROGANE MIGHT NOT HAVE A LICK OF INTEREST...
BUT I GUESS WE DON'T WANNA THINK ABOUT THAT, HUH?
I WISH YEW COULDA SEEN YER FACE WHEN KUROGANE CALLED IT "STUPID!" I DIDN'T KNOW YEW COULD LOOK SO PATHETIC.
THUNK THUNK
HMM?
What the?
AHA-HAHA-HAHA!
WHUMP
ANRI!
?!

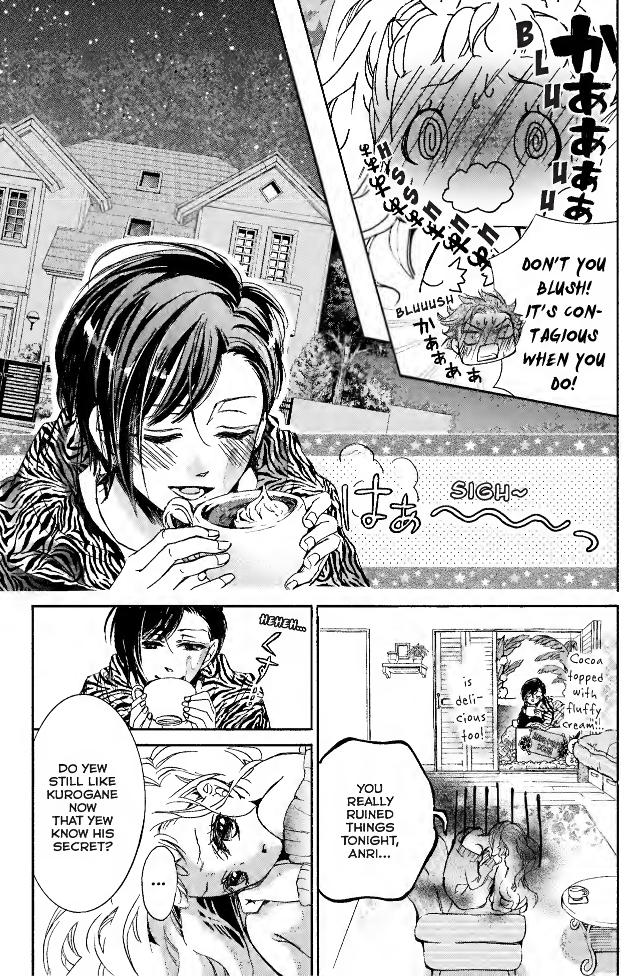

HUH?!
HEY! ANRI! TAIGA!
GIVE BACK MY UNIFORM!
だだだだ THD THD THD THD
WHAT THE HELL ...
ARE THOSE TWO THINKING ?!
ざわっ MURMUR
A rabbit ?!
?! ?!
ざわざわ MURMUR MURMUR
There's a bunny running down the street!
Whoa!
ざわざわ MURMUR MURMUR
ざわざわ MURMUR MURMUR
STOP! TAIGA!!
THAT JERK!
HUH? KURO... KURO-GANE?!
WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
DON'T ASK ME WHAT I'M DOING HERE!!
DO YOU EVEN REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE WEARING RIGHT NOW?!
GRIN GRIN

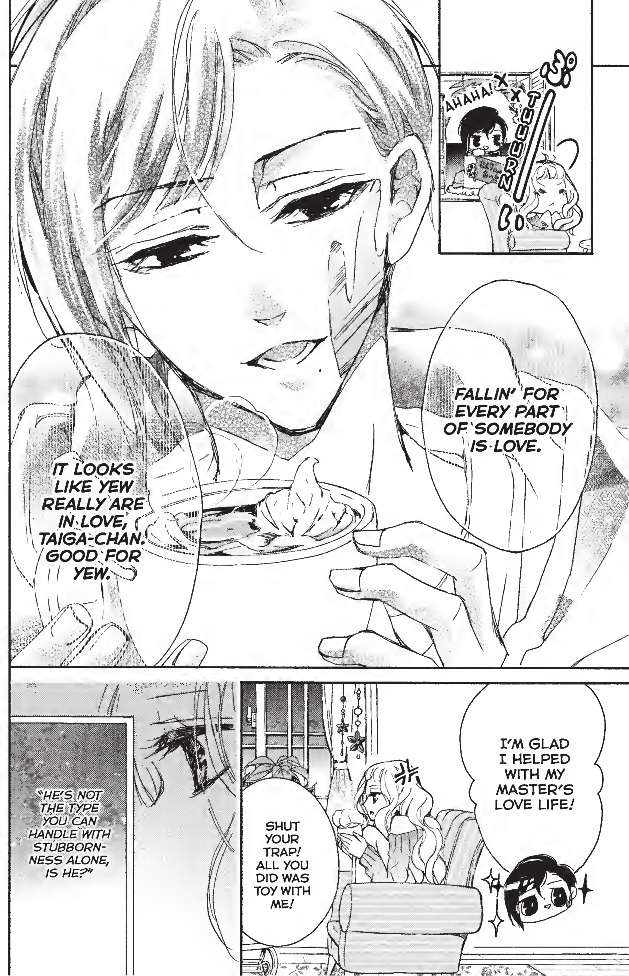

YEAH ...
BUT!
BUT!
はっ!!
WHUMP
I CAN'T STOP !!!!
隠しっ
HIDE!
TAIGA !!
What are you doing?! Stop!!
まるっ
ROUND
たたたた
TMP TMP TMP TMP
...!
I CANNOT, ABSOLUTELY CANNOT LET KUROGANE SEE THIS!

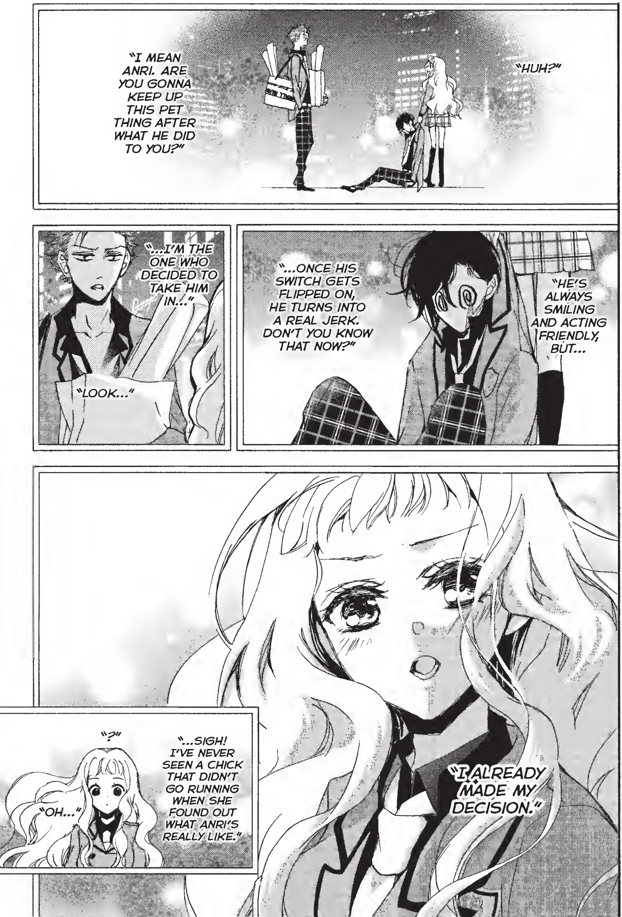

BA-DUMP
キュン
HUH...?
BA-DUMP
ドキン…
ドキン…
BA-DUMP
THIS IS KURO-GANE'S...
BA-DUMP
ドキン…
ドキン…
BA-DUMP

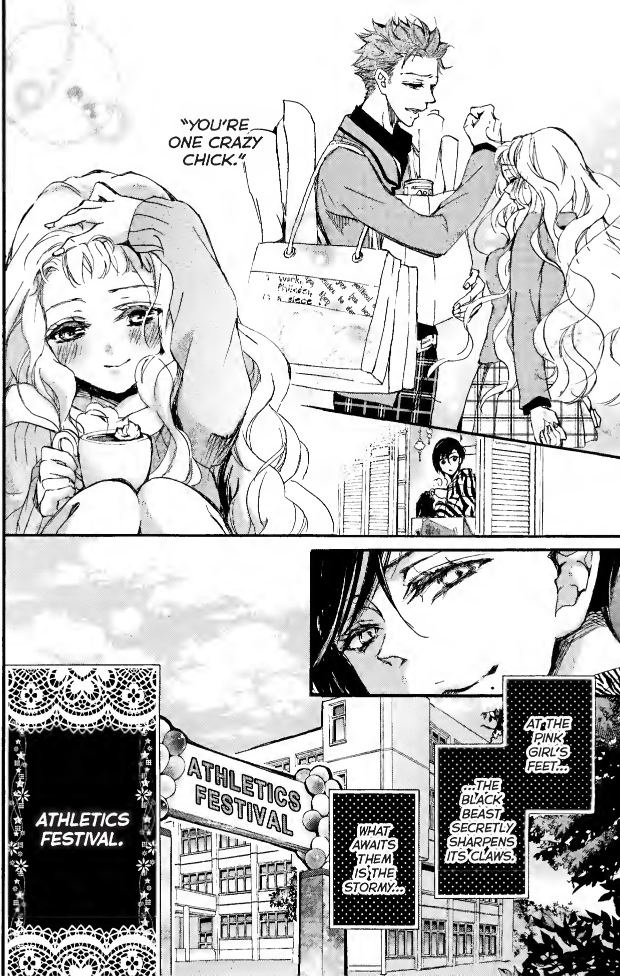

YOUR BACK...
...IS TOTALLY EXPOSED.
HUFF
HUFF
...KUROGANE?
SHK
HEH!
HEH!
HEH!
Ah!!
ANRI!
CAUGHT YEW IN THE ACT, KUROGANE!
DID YEW HEAR THAT, TAIGA-CHAN? THIS IS THE REAL KUROGANE!
?!
HUH?
The real him?
CLACK CLACK
THE CHEST WAS JUST A DECOY!
I WAS PLANNIN' TO EXPOSE HIM FOR WHAT HE IS, BUT IT WORKED BETTER THAN I THOUGHT!
?! What are you talking about?
WELL, KUROGANE'S...


...A REAL PERV WHO LOVES BACKS. ♡
MUTTER
ギクッ
FLINCH
B... B-B-B-B-B-BACKS?!
AND, BY THE WAY, I THINK I REMEMBER HIM SAYIN' IF THERE'S A MOLE THERE, IT MAKES HIM WANNA LICK IT...
OH!!
UH-OH! YEW BETTER LOOK OUT, TAIGA-CHAN!
GAPE
GAPE
BLUUUSH
NO!
THAT'S NOT... WELL, I GUESS IT IS, BUT...
I DIDN'T SAY A SINGLE LIE!
SHUT UP!! LISTEN TO ME, TAIGA!
FWAP


BLUUUU
かあああ
HSSSSS
BLUUUSH
かあああ
DON'T YOU BLUSH! IT'S CONTAGIOUS WHEN YOU DO!
はあ〜〜〜っ
SIGH~
Cocoa topped with fluffy cream...
is delicious too!
ANRI-NYAN'S ROOM
YOU REALLY RUINED THINGS TONIGHT, ANRI...
HEHEH...
くすっ
DO YEW STILL LIKE KUROGANE NOW THAT YEW KNOW HIS SECRET?
...


AHAHA!
TUUURN
FALLIN' FOR EVERY PART OF SOMEBODY IS LOVE.
IT LOOKS LIKE YEW REALLY ARE IN LOVE, TAIGA-CHAN. GOOD FOR YEW.
I'M GLAD I HELPED WITH MY MASTER'S LOVE LIFE!
SHUT YOUR TRAP! ALL YOU DID WAS TOY WITH ME!
"HE'S NOT THE TYPE YOU CAN HANDLE WITH STUBBORNNESS ALONE, IS HE?"

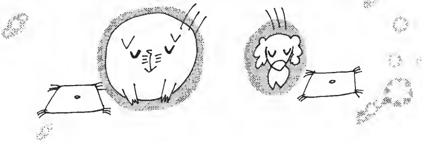

"HUH?"
"I MEAN ANRI. ARE YOU GONNA KEEP UP THIS PET THING AFTER WHAT HE DID TO YOU?"
"HE'S ALWAYS SMILING AND ACTING FRIENDLY, BUT...
"...ONCE HIS SWITCH GETS FLIPPED ON, HE TURNS INTO A REAL JERK. DON'T YOU KNOW THAT NOW?"
"...I'M THE ONE WHO DECIDED TO TAKE HIM IN..."
"LOOK..."
"I ALREADY MADE MY DECISION."
"...SIGH! I'VE NEVER SEEN A CHICK THAT DIDN'T GO RUNNING WHEN SHE FOUND OUT WHAT ANRI'S REALLY LIKE."
"?"
"OH..."


"YOU'RE ONE CRAZY CHICK."
AT THE PINK GIRL'S FEET...
...THE BLACK BEAST SECRETLY SHARPENS ITS CLAWS.
WHAT AWAITS THEM IS THE STORMY...
ATHLETICS FESTIVAL
ATHLETICS FESTIVAL.

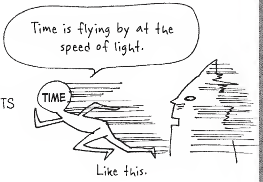
2 GREETING

TO ALL NEW READERS AND THOSE OF YOU I'M MEETING AGAIN: HELLO!!

THIS IS PEDORO TORIUMI!



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PURCHASING "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN"!
BY THE TIME I REALIZED, "VOLUME 1 IS OUT!" VOLUME 2 IS ALREADY HERE.


Time is flying by at the speed of light.
TIME
Like this.

STARTING WITH THIS VOLUME, ANRI STARTS DOING A WHOLE LOT OF LEADING.

I HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY IT.

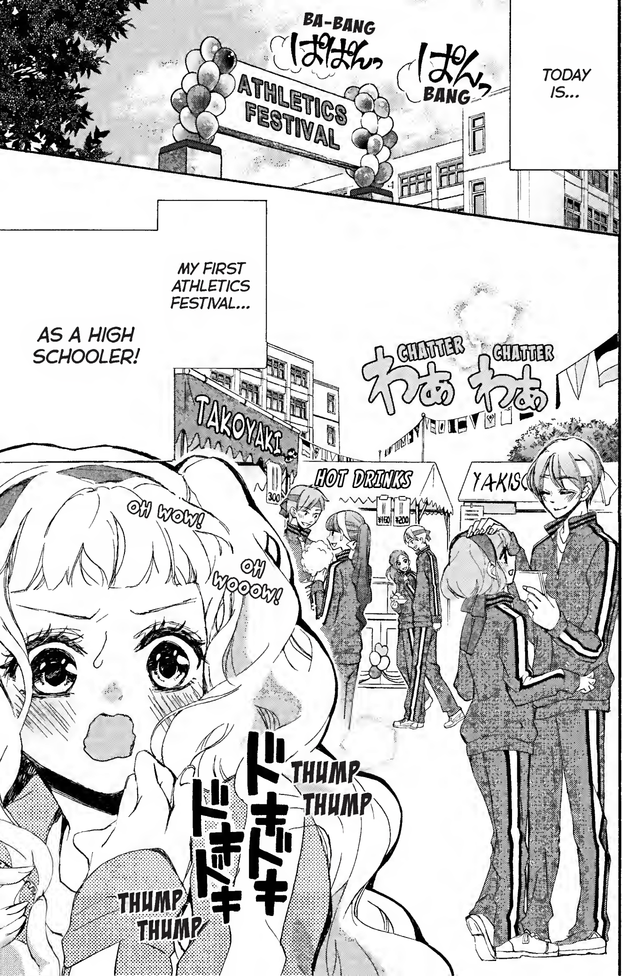
NOW...

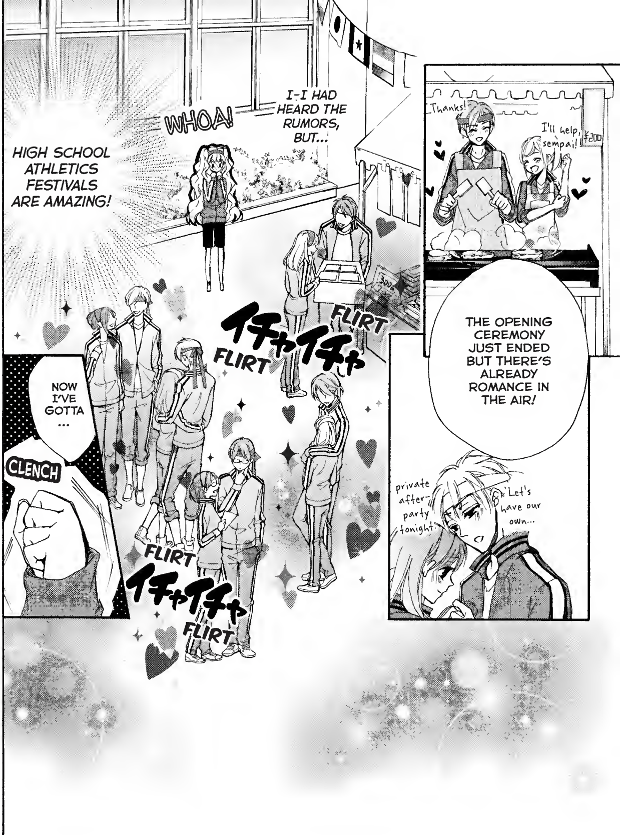
LET'S BEGIN!

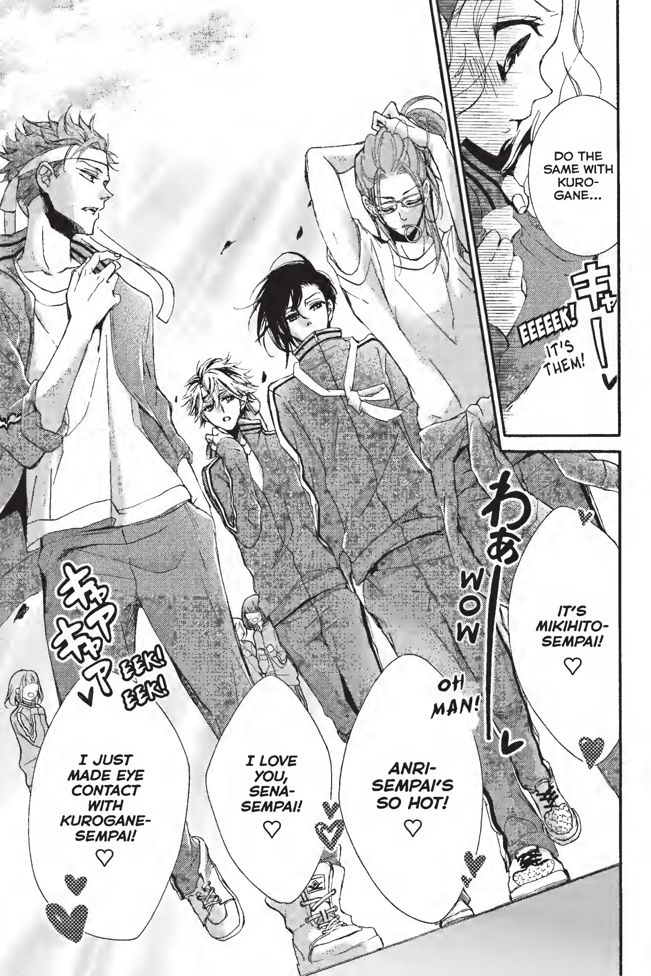
TRAP 6

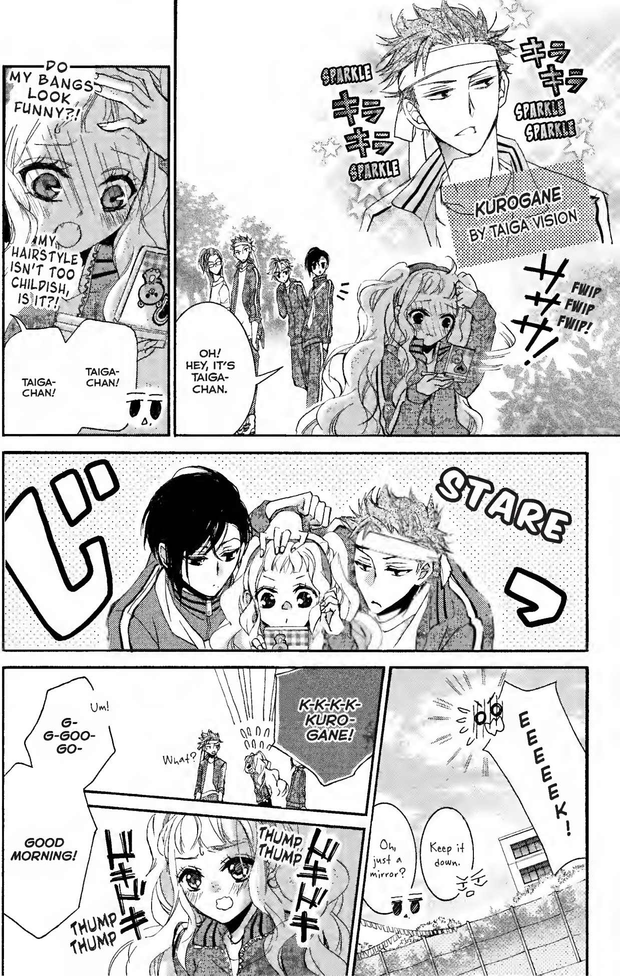
Girlfriends Taste Like Honey

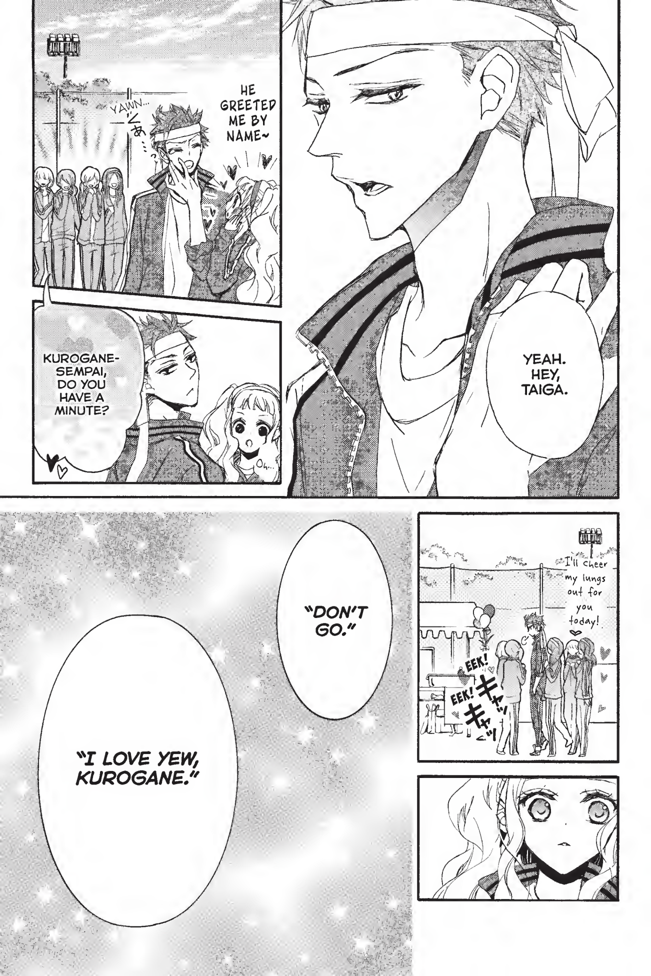
Black Panther and Sweet 16

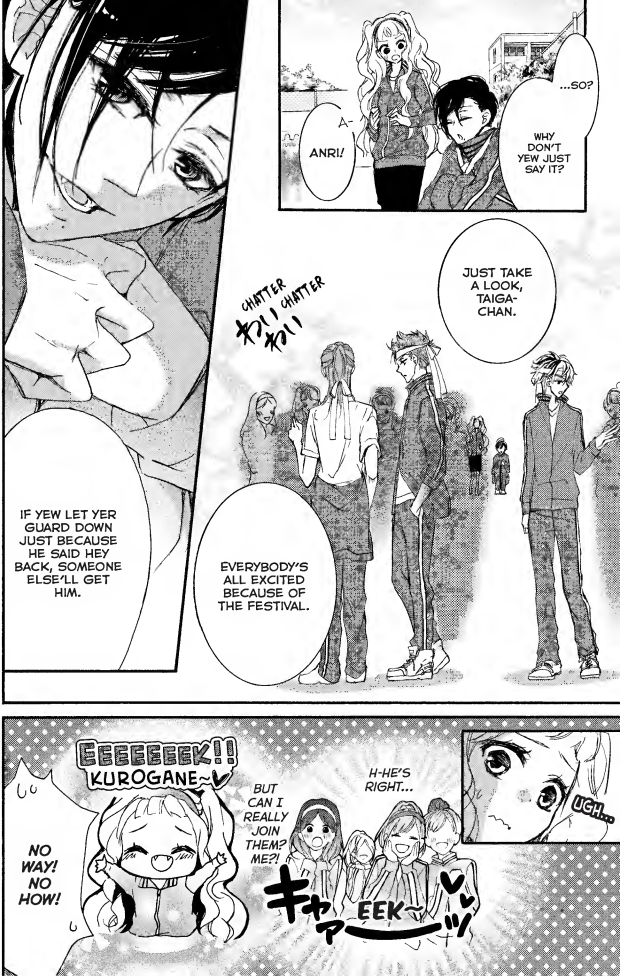

TODAY IS...
ぱんっ BANG
BA-BANG ぱぱんっ
ATHLETICS FESTIVAL
MY FIRST ATHLETICS FESTIVAL...
AS A HIGH SCHOOLER!
CHATTER わぁ
CHATTER わぁ
YAKISO
HOT DRINKS
¥150 ¥200
TAKOYAKI
300
OH WOW!
OH WOOOW!
ドキドキ THUMP THUMP
ドキドキ THUMP THUMP

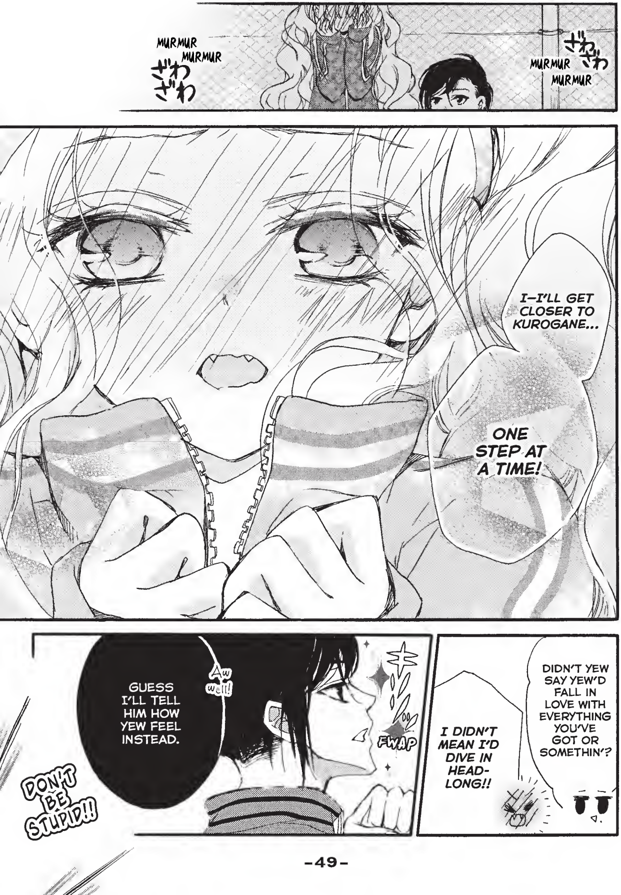

Thanks!
I'll help, sempai!
¥200
I-I had heard the rumors, but...
WHOA!
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS FESTIVALS ARE AMAZING!
300
FLIRT
イチャイチャ
FLIRT
THE OPENING CEREMONY JUST ENDED BUT THERE'S ALREADY ROMANCE IN THE AIR!
Let's have our own... private after-party tonight!
NOW I'VE GOTTA ...
CLENCH
FLIRT
イチャイチャ
FLIRT

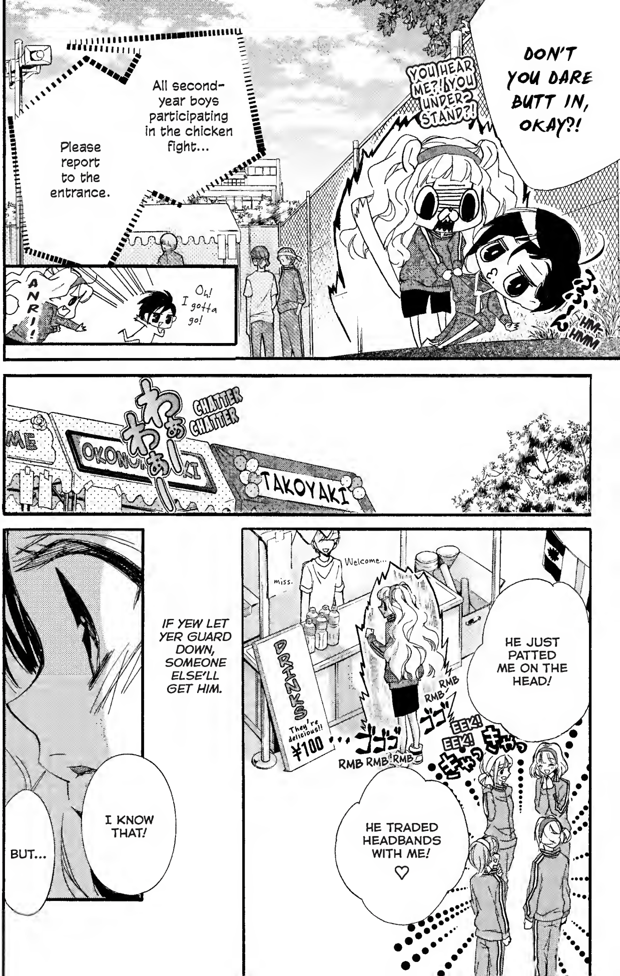

DO THE SAME WITH KURO-GANE...
キャー♥
EEEEEK! IT'S THEM!
わあー♥
WOW
IT'S MIKIHITO-SEMPAI! ♡
OH MAN!
ANRI-SEMPAI'S SO HOT! ♡
I LOVE YOU, SENA-SEMPAI! ♡
キャアキャア♥
EEK! EEK!
I JUST MADE EYE CONTACT WITH KUROGANE-SEMPAI! ♡

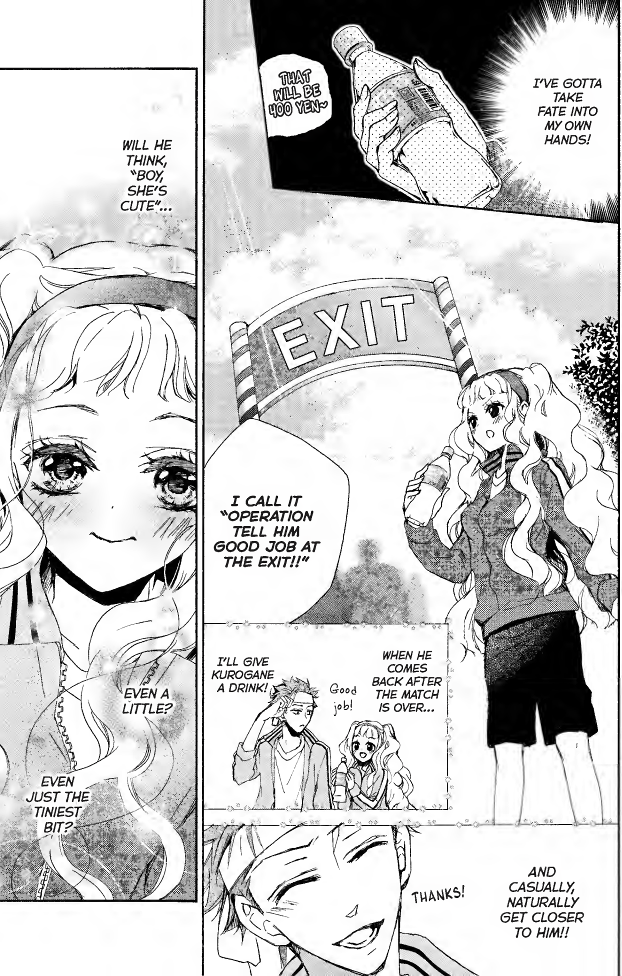

キラキラ
SPARKLE SPARKLE
キラキラ
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
KUROGANE BY TAIGA VISION
サササ!!
FWIP FWIP FWIP!
OH! HEY, IT'S TAIGA-CHAN.
DO MY BANGS LOOK FUNNY?!
MY HAIRSTYLE ISN'T TOO CHILDISH, IS IT?!
TAIGA-CHAN!
TAIGA-CHAN!
じっ
STARE
EEEEEEK!
Keep it down.
Oh, just a mirror?
K-K-K-K-KURO-GANE!
What?
Um! G-G-GOO-GO-
GOOD MORNING!
ドキドキ
THUMP THUMP
ドキドキ
THUMP THUMP

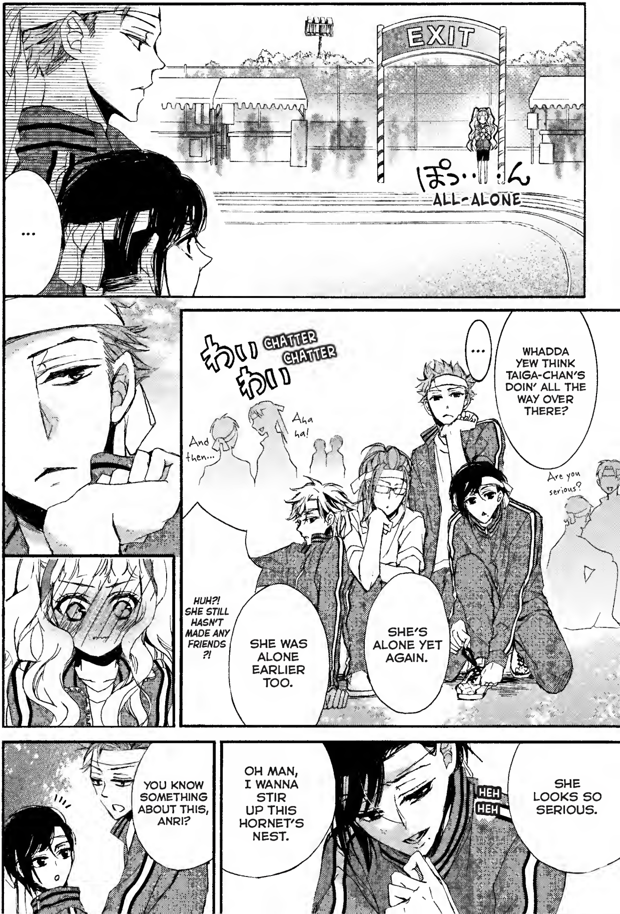

YEAH. HEY, TAIGA.
YAWN... くあ…
HE GREETED ME BY NAME~
KUROGANE-SEMPAI, DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
Oh...
I'll cheer my lungs out for you today!
EEK! キャッ
EEK! キャッ
"DON'T GO."
"I LOVE YEW, KUROGANE."

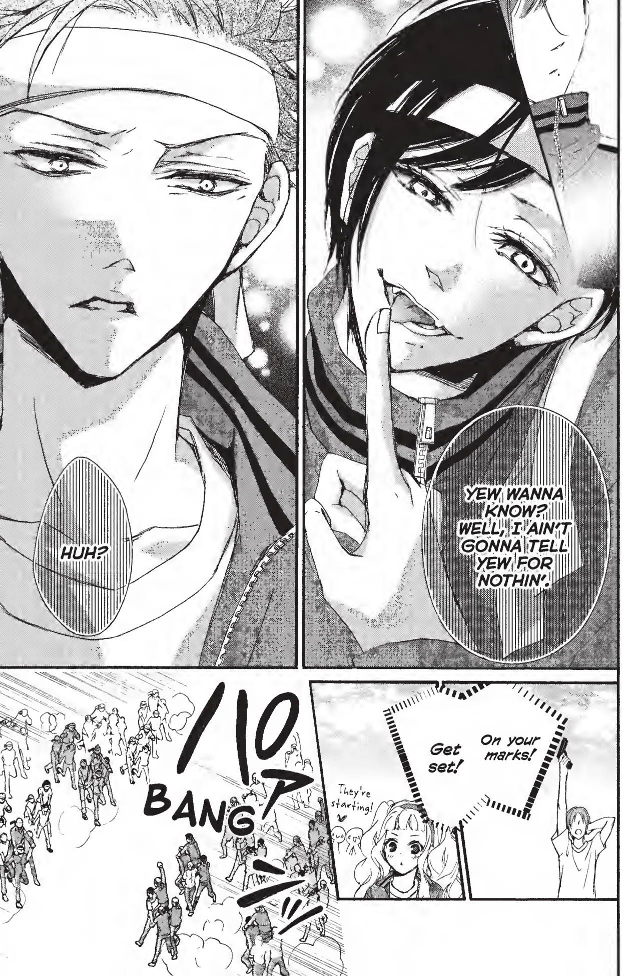

...SO?
WHY DON'T YEW JUST SAY IT?
A- ANRI!
JUST TAKE A LOOK, TAIGA-CHAN.
CHATTER CHATTER わいわい
EVERYBODY'S ALL EXCITED BECAUSE OF THE FESTIVAL.
IF YEW LET YER GUARD DOWN JUST BECAUSE HE SAID HEY BACK, SOMEONE ELSE'LL GET HIM.
UGH...
H-HE'S RIGHT...
BUT CAN I REALLY JOIN THEM? ME?!
キャーッ EEK~
EEEEEEEK!! KUROGANE~
NO WAY! NO HOW!

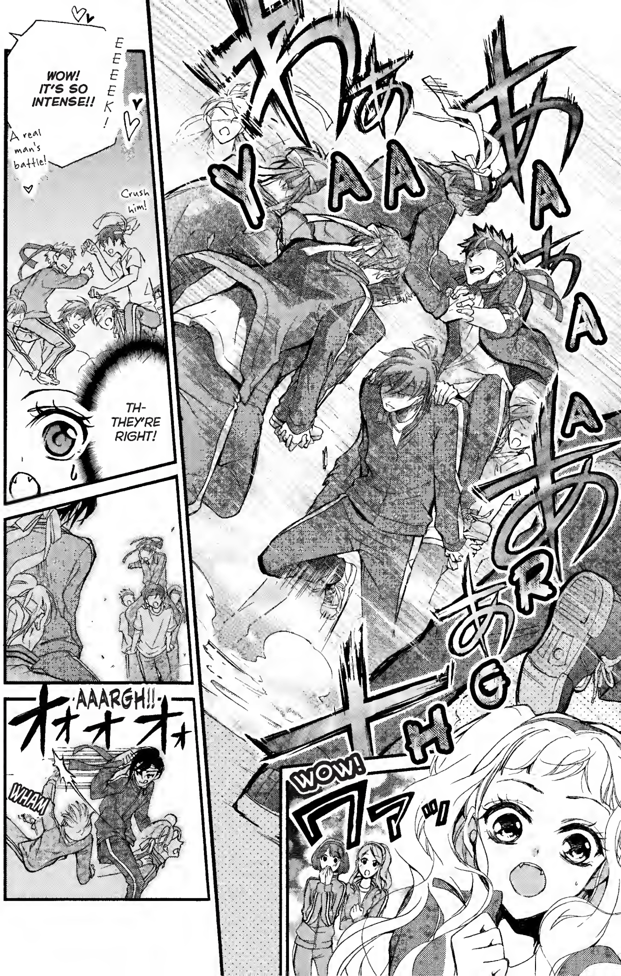

ざわ ざわ
MURMUR MURMUR
MURMUR MURMUR
ざわ ざわ
I—I'LL GET CLOSER TO KUROGANE...
ONE STEP AT A TIME!
DIDN'T YEW SAY YEW'D FALL IN LOVE WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT OR SOMETHIN'?
I DIDN'T MEAN I'D DIVE IN HEAD-LONG!!
キ
FWAP
Aw well!
GUESS I'LL TELL HIM HOW YEW FEEL INSTEAD.
DON'T BE STUPID!!

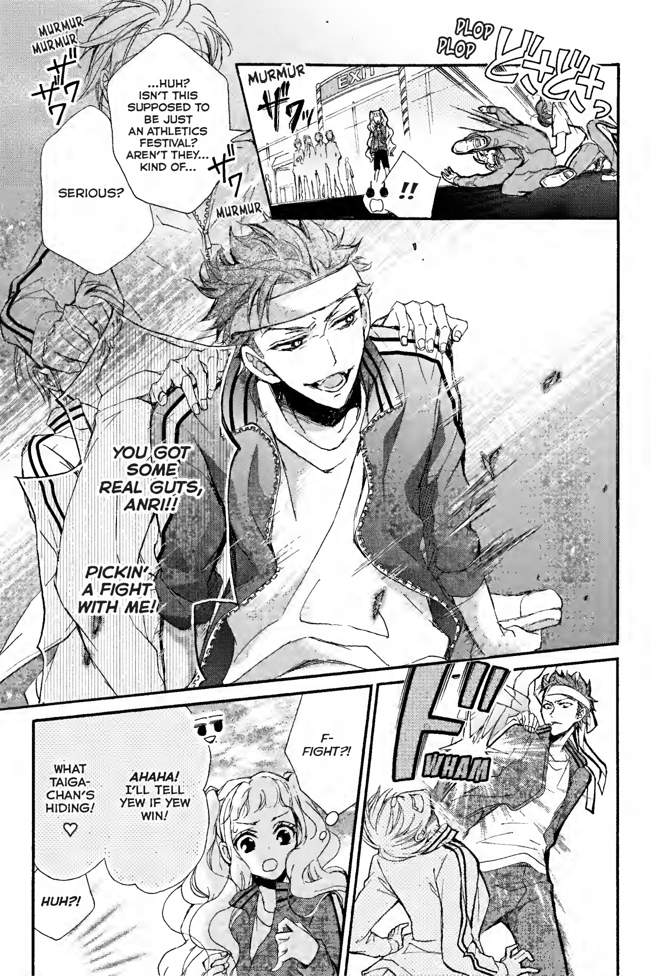

DON'T YOU DARE BUTT IN, OKAY?!
YOU HEAR ME?! YOU UNDERSTAND?!
HM-HMM
All second-year boys participating in the chicken fight...
Please report to the entrance.
ANRI!
Oh! I gotta go!
わあわあ
CHATTER CHATTER
ME
OKONOMIYAKI
TAKOYAKI
HE JUST PATTED ME ON THE HEAD!
Welcome... miss.
RMB RMB
ゴゴゴ
RMB RMB RMB
EEK! EEK!
きゃっきゃっ
DRINKS They're delicious!! ¥100
HE TRADED HEADBANDS WITH ME! ♡
IF YEW LET YER GUARD DOWN, SOMEONE ELSE'LL GET HIM.
I KNOW THAT!
BUT...

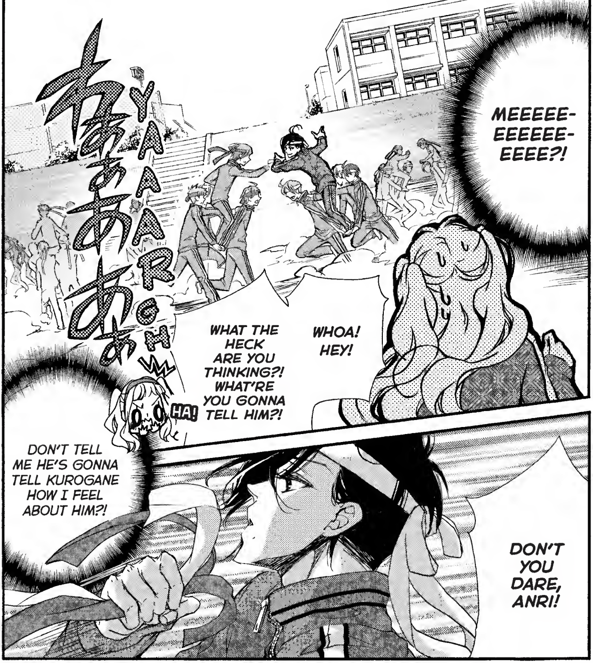

I'VE GOTTA TAKE FATE INTO MY OWN HANDS!
THAT WILL BE 400 YEN~
EXIT
I CALL IT "OPERATION TELL HIM GOOD JOB AT THE EXIT!!"
WHEN HE COMES BACK AFTER THE MATCH IS OVER...
Good job!
I'LL GIVE KUROGANE A DRINK!
AND CASUALLY, NATURALLY GET CLOSER TO HIM!!
THANKS!
WILL HE THINK, "BOY, SHE'S CUTE"...
EVEN A LITTLE?
EVEN JUST THE TINIEST BIT?

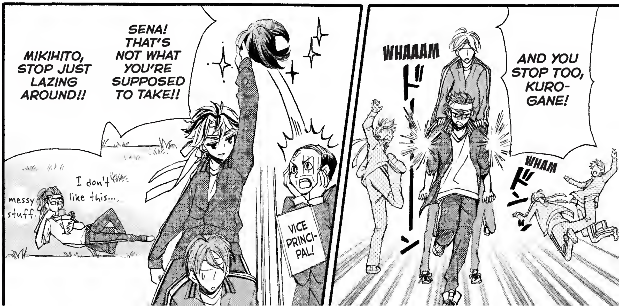

EXIT
ぽつ……ん
ALL-ALONE
...
...
WHADDA YEW THINK TAIGA-CHAN'S DOIN' ALL THE WAY OVER THERE?
わいわい
CHATTER CHATTER
Aha ha!
And then...
Are you serious?
SHE'S ALONE YET AGAIN.
SHE WAS ALONE EARLIER TOO.
HUH?! SHE STILL HASN'T MADE ANY FRIENDS ?!
SHE LOOKS SO SERIOUS.
HEH HEH
OH MAN, I WANNA STIR UP THIS HORNET'S NEST.
YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, ANRI?

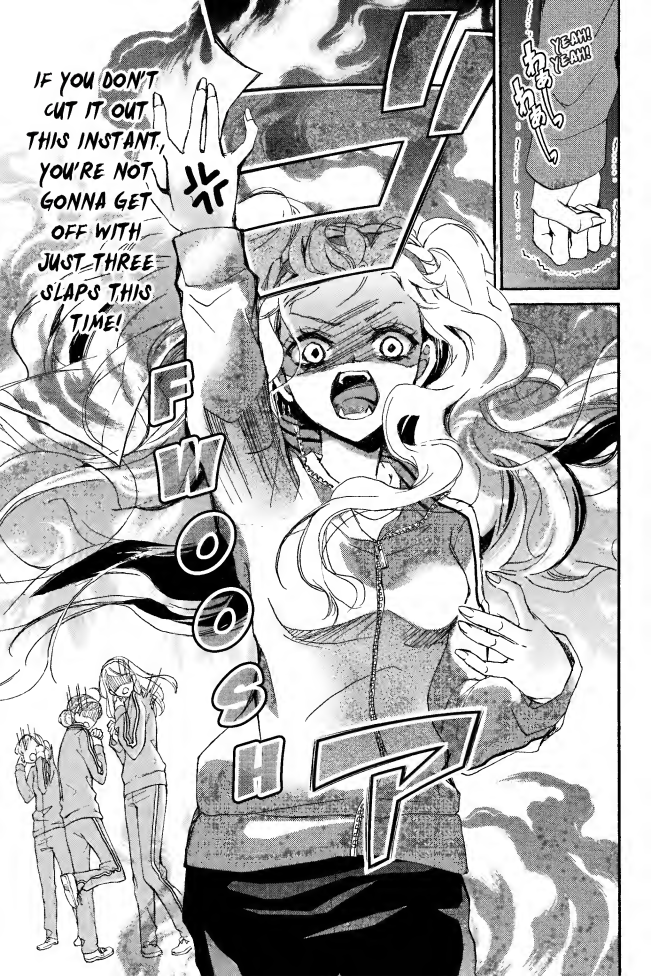

YEW WANNA KNOW? WELL, I AIN'T GONNA TELL YEW FOR NOTHIN'.
HUH?
On your marks!
Get set!
They're starting!
BANG!

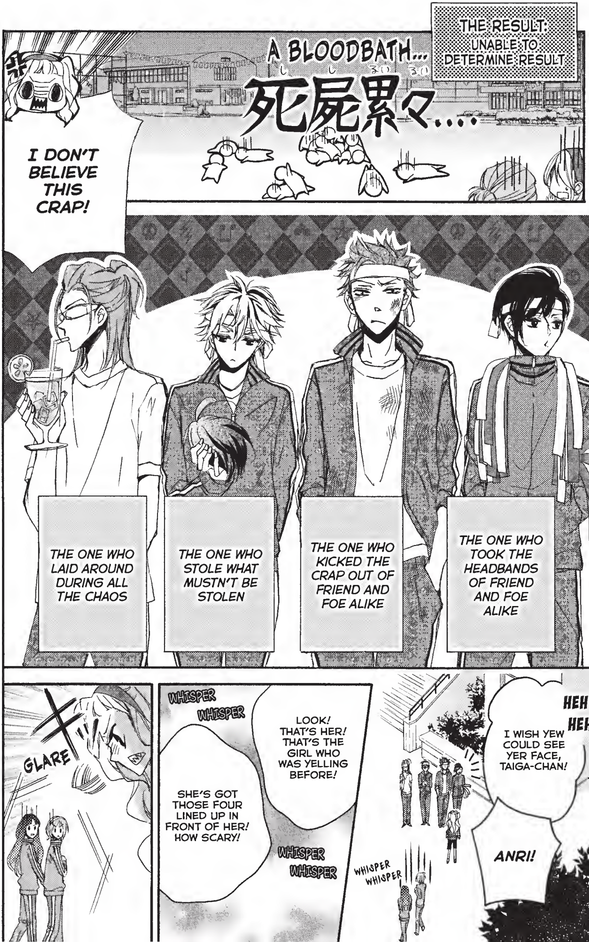

わああああああ
YAAAAAARGH
WOW! IT'S SO INTENSE!!
EEEEEK!
A real man's battle!
Crush him!
TH- THEY'RE RIGHT!
AAARGH!!
オオオオオ
WHAM
WOW!
ワァッ


DLOP
DLOP
どさどさっ
MURMUR
ザワッ
!!
MURMUR
MURMUR
ザワザワ
...HUH? ISN'T THIS SUPPOSED TO BE JUST AN ATHLETICS FESTIVAL? AREN'T THEY... KIND OF...
SERIOUS?
ザワ
MURMUR
YOU GOT SOME REAL GUTS, ANRI!!
PICKIN' A FIGHT WITH ME!
ドッ
WHAM
F-FIGHT?!
AHAHA! I'LL TELL YEW IF YEW WIN!
WHAT TAIGA-CHAN'S HIDING! ♡
HUH?!


MEEEEE-EEEEEE-EEEE?!
WHOA! HEY!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU THINKING?! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA TELL HIM?!
わあああぁ
YAAARGH
HA!
DON'T YOU DARE, ANRI!
DON'T TELL ME HE'S GONNA TELL KUROGANE HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM?!

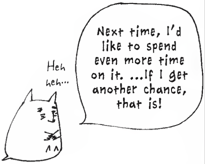

AND YOU STOP TOO, KUROGANE!
WHAAAM
ドーーン
WHAM
ドン
SENA! THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE!!
MIKIHITO, STOP JUST LAZING AROUND!!
VICE PRINCIPAL!
I don't like this... messy stuff.


わぁっ わぁっ
YEAH! YEAH!
IF YOU DON'T CUT IT OUT THIS INSTANT, YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET OFF WITH JUST THREE SLAPS THIS TIME!
FWOOOSH

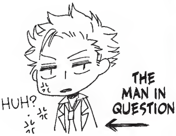

THE RESULT: UNABLE TO DETERMINE RESULT
A BLOODBATH...
しし るい るい
死屍累々....
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS CRAP!
THE ONE WHO TOOK THE HEADBANDS OF FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE
THE ONE WHO KICKED THE CRAP OUT OF FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE
THE ONE WHO STOLE WHAT MUSTN'T BE STOLEN
THE ONE WHO LAID AROUND DURING ALL THE CHAOS
HEH HEH
I WISH YEW COULD SEE YER FACE, TAIGA-CHAN!
ANRI!
WHISPER WHISPER
WHISPER WHISPER
LOOK! THAT'S HER! THAT'S THE GIRL WHO WAS YELLING BEFORE!
SHE'S GOT THOSE FOUR LINED UP IN FRONT OF HER! HOW SCARY!
WHISPER WHISPER
WHISPER WHISPER
GLARE

3 ABOUT CROSS-DRESSING

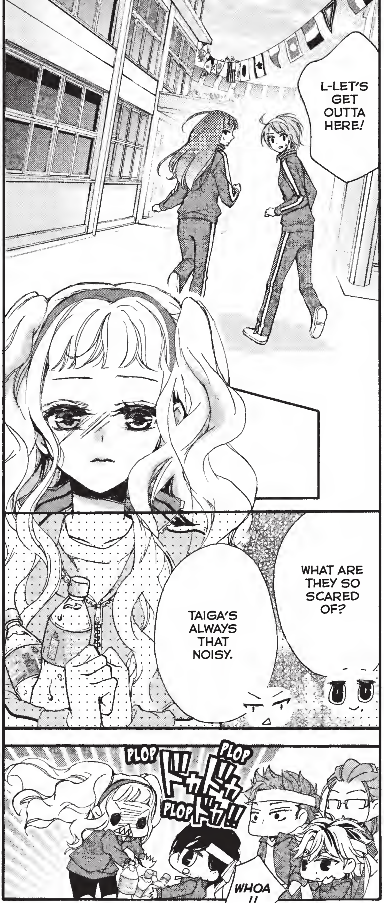
THIS CHAPTER WAS ALSO VERY FUN TO DRAW. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DRAW AT LEAST ONE CROSSDRESSING CHAPTER, EVEN BEFORE I STARTED THIS SERIES.

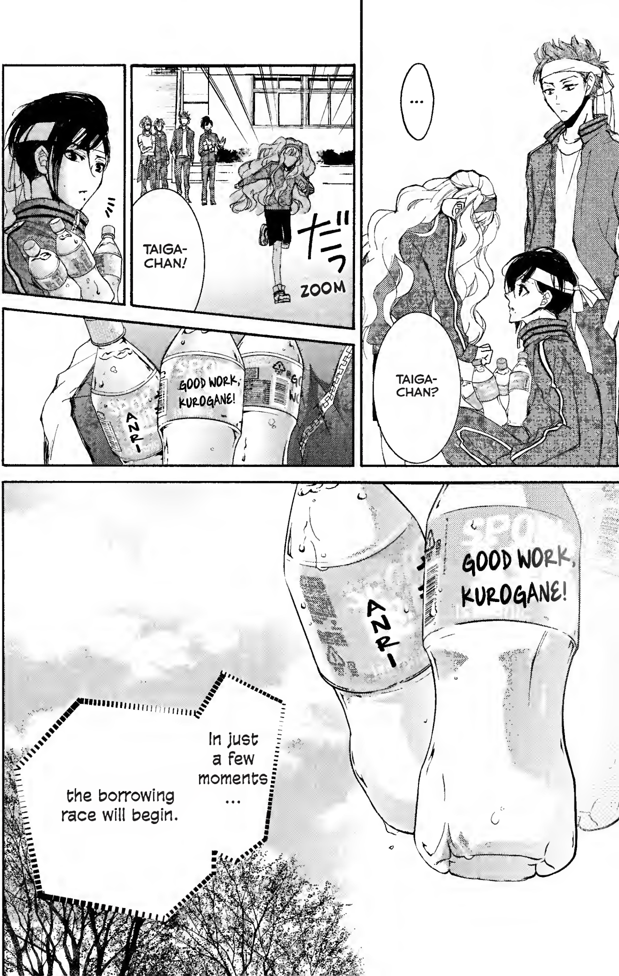

Next time, I'd like to spend even more time on it. ...If I get another chance, that is!
Heh heh...

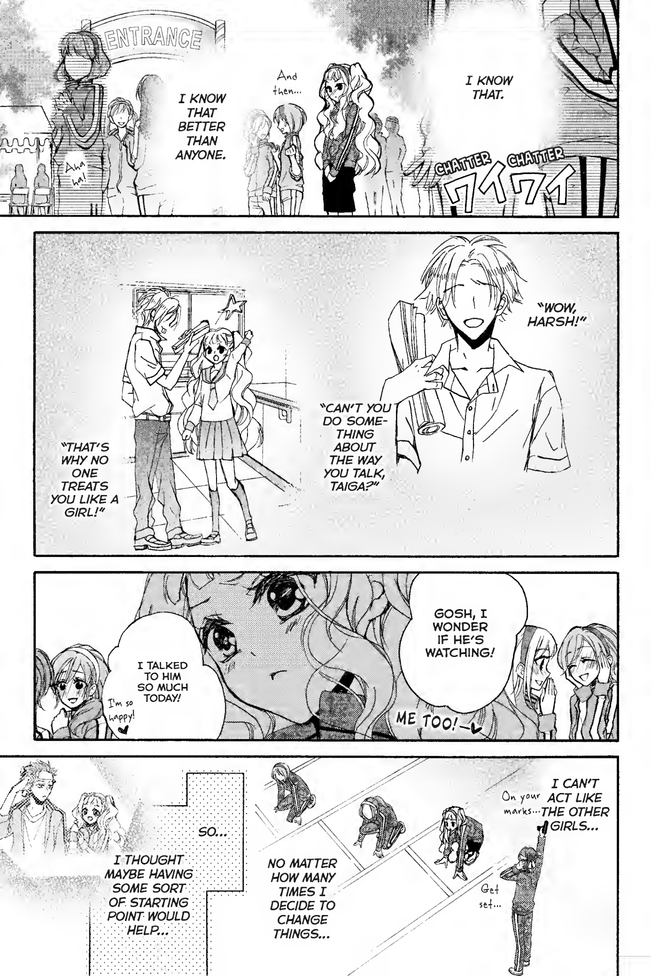
IN THE PLANNING MEETING, MY EDITOR EVEN ASKED ME, "IS HIS CROSSDRESSING LOOK GONNA...WORK OUT?"

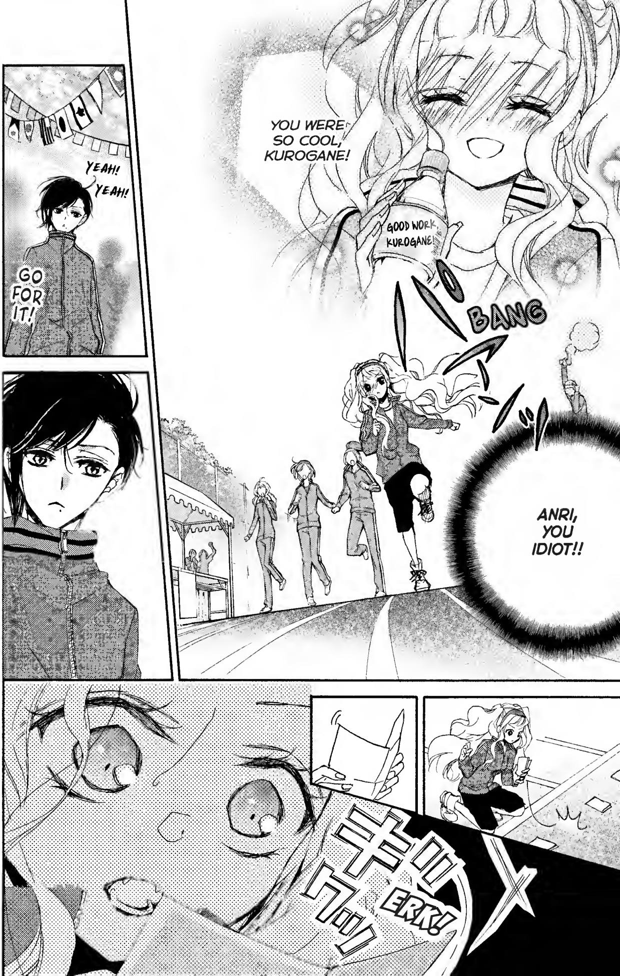

HUH?
THE MAN IN QUESTION

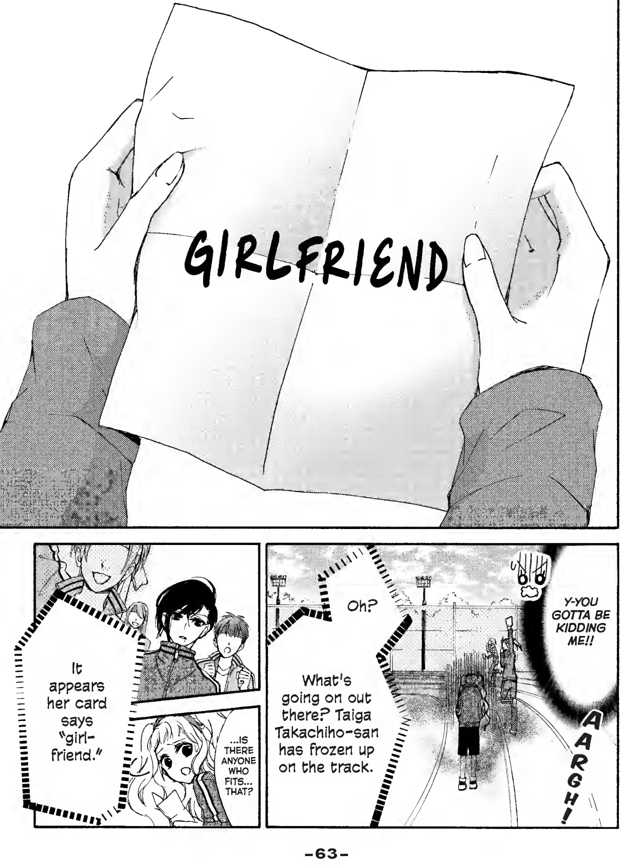
BUT I'M GLAD KUROGANE MANAGED TO TRANSFORM. *PHEW!*

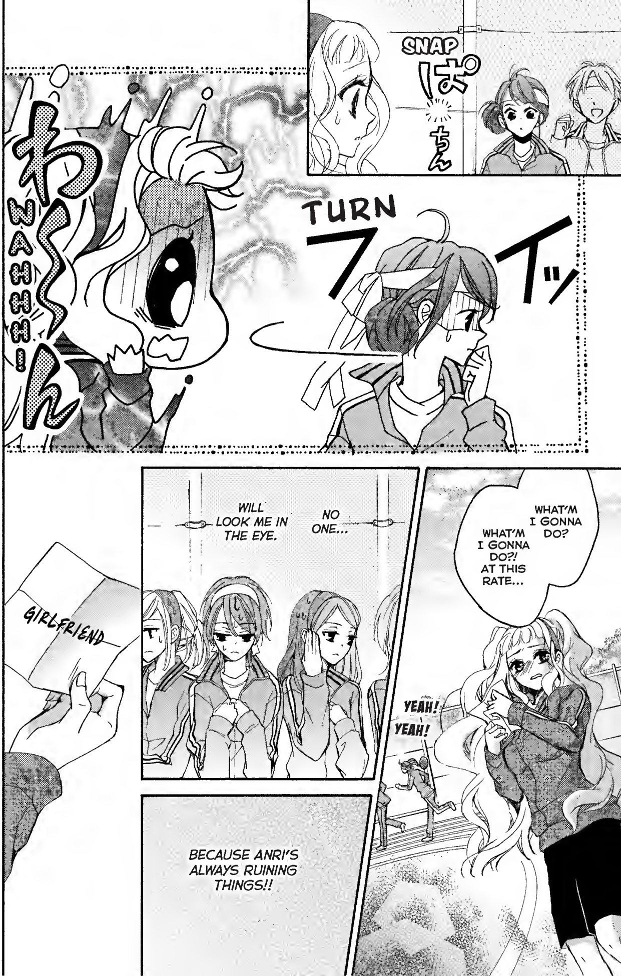

L-LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
WHAT ARE THEY SO SCARED OF?
TAIGA'S ALWAYS THAT NOISY.
PLOP
ドカドカ
PLOP
ドカ!!
PLOP
WHOA!!

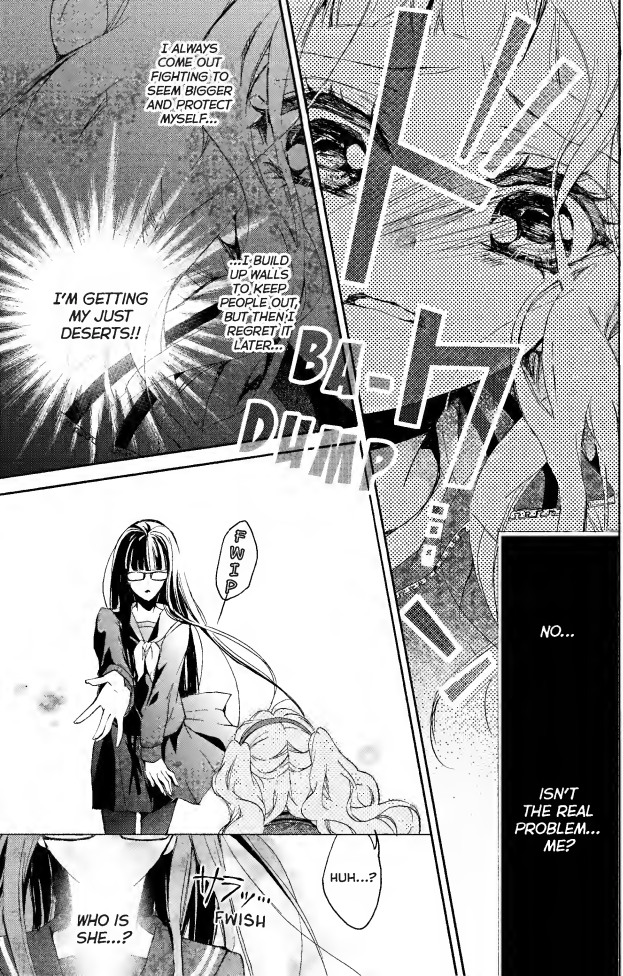

...
TAIGA-CHAN?
TAIGA-CHAN!
だラ
ZOOM
ANRI
GOOD WORK, KUROGANE!
GOOD WORK, KUROGANE!
ANRI
In just a few moments...
the borrowing race will begin.

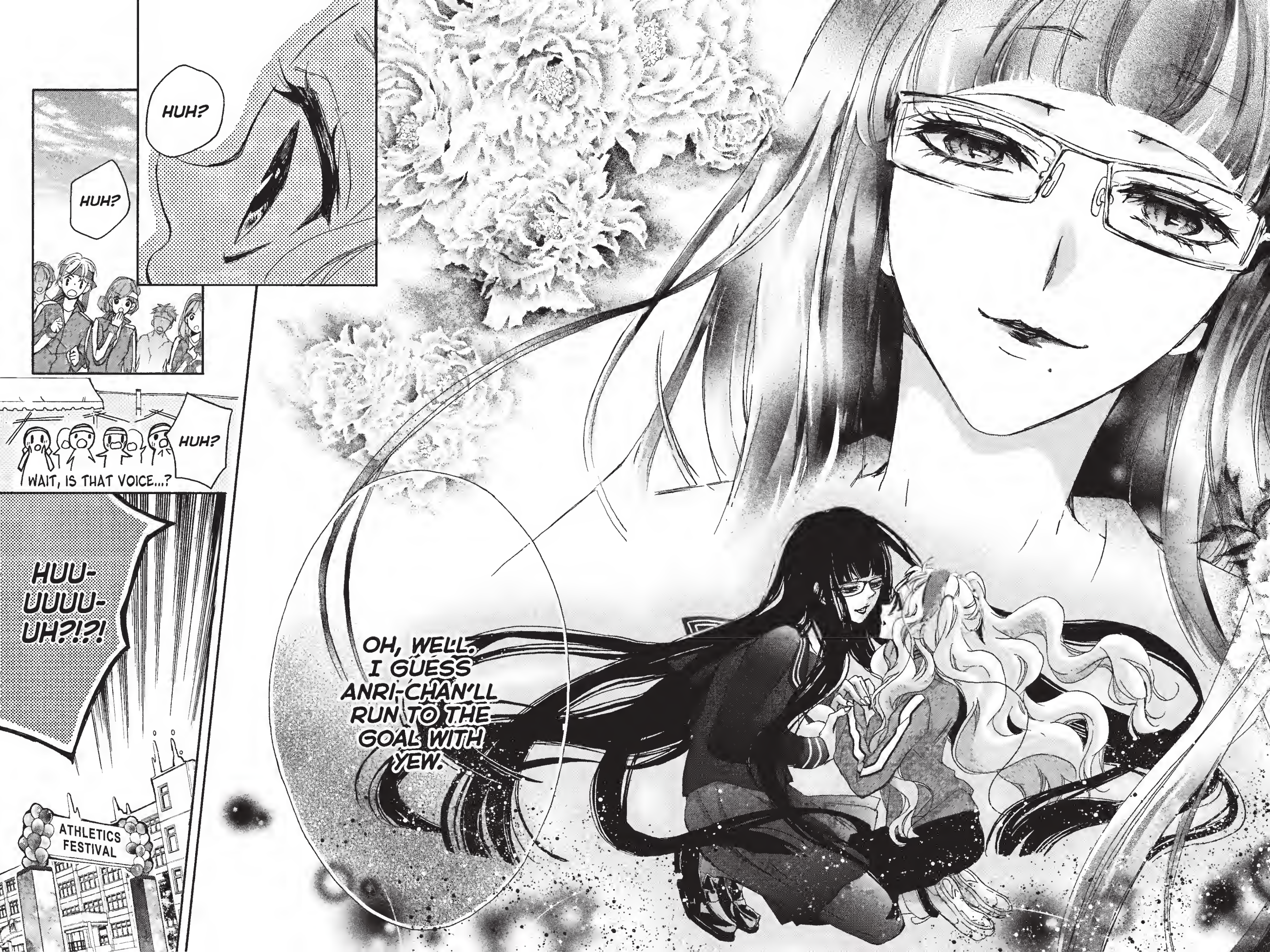

ENTRANCE
I KNOW THAT.
CHATTER CHATTER
ワイワイ
And then...
I KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE.
Aha ha!
"WOW, HARSH!"
"CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY YOU TALK, TAIGA?"
"THAT'S WHY NO ONE TREATS YOU LIKE A GIRL!"
GOSH, I WONDER IF HE'S WATCHING!
ME TOO!—♥
I TALKED TO HIM SO MUCH TODAY!
I'm so happy! ♥
I CAN'T ACT LIKE THE OTHER GIRLS...
On your marks...
Get set...
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I DECIDE TO CHANGE THINGS...
SO...
I THOUGHT MAYBE HAVING SOME SORT OF STARTING POINT WOULD HELP...

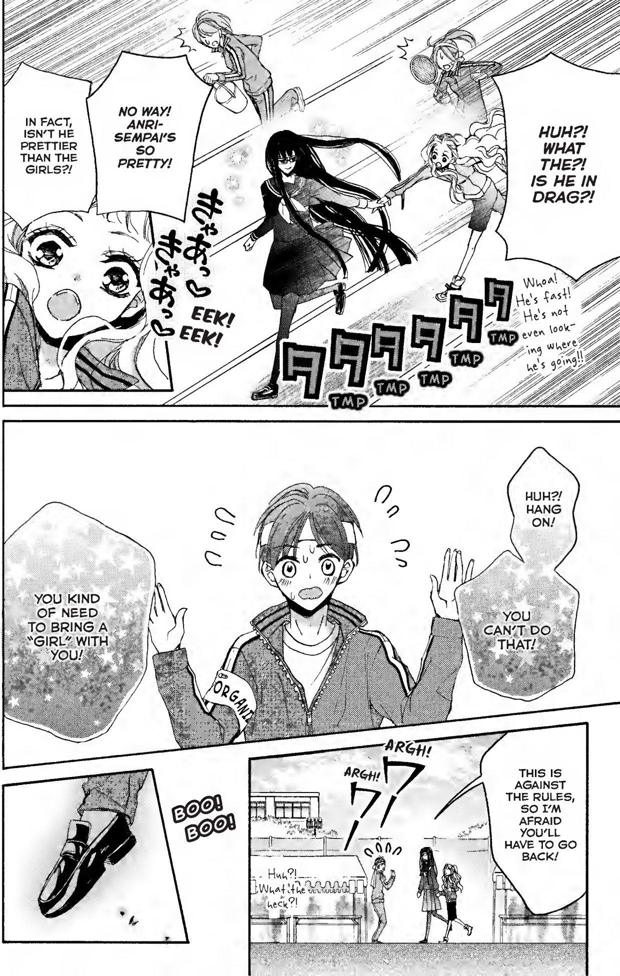

YOU WERE SO COOL, KUROGANE!
GOOD WORK, KUROGANE!
BANG
YEAH! YEAH!
GO FOR IT!
ANRI, YOU IDIOT!!
ギクッ
ERK!

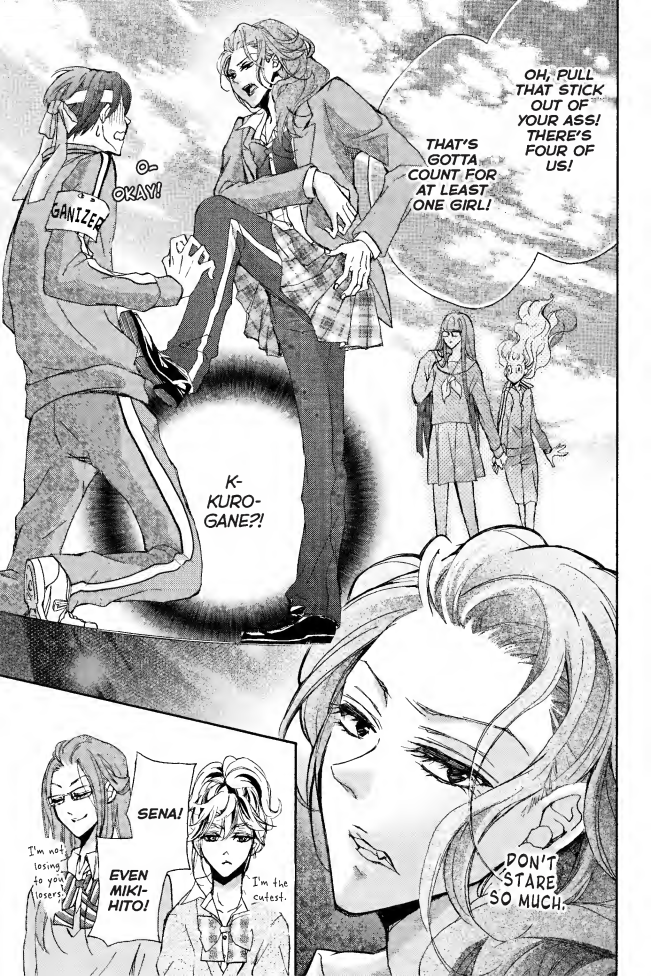

GIRLFRIEND
Y-YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!
AARGH!
Oh?
What's going on out there? Taiga Takachiho-san has frozen up on the track.
It appears her card says "girl-friend."
...IS THERE ANYONE WHO FITS... THAT?

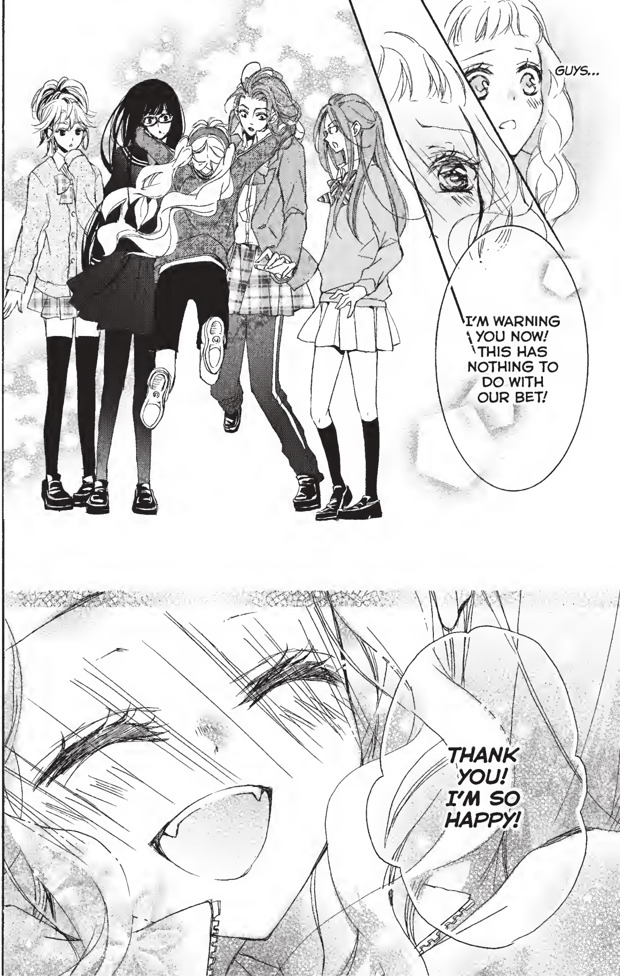

SNAP
ぱちん
TURN
フイッ
WAHHHH!
わ〜ん
WHAT'M I GONNA DO? WHAT'M I GONNA DO?! AT THIS RATE...
YEAH! YEAH!
NO ONE... WILL LOOK ME IN THE EYE.
BECAUSE ANRI'S ALWAYS RUINING THINGS!!
GIRLFRIEND

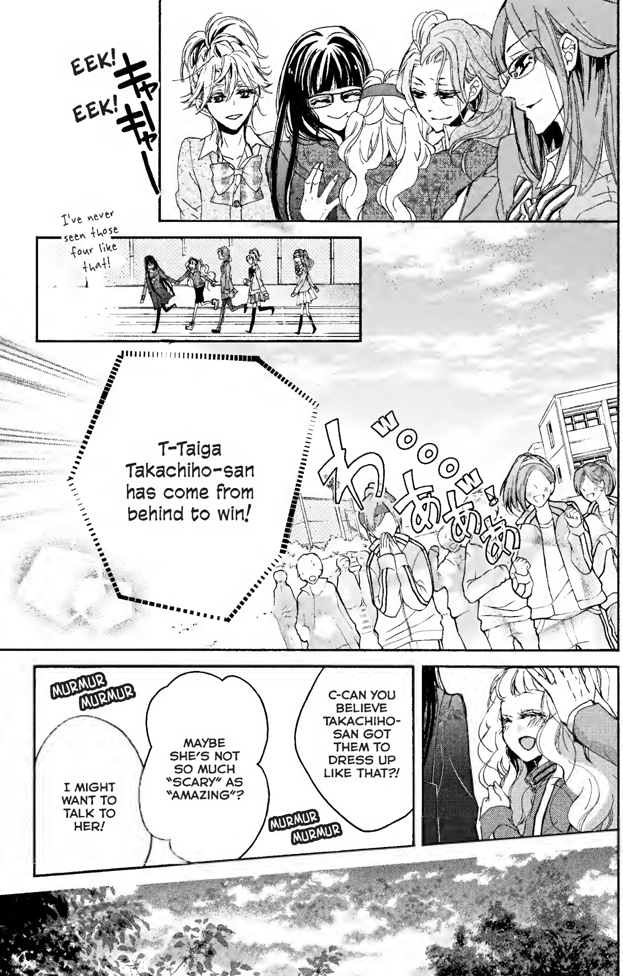

I ALWAYS COME OUT FIGHTING TO SEEM BIGGER AND PROTECT MYSELF...
...I BUILD UP WALLS TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT, BUT THEN I REGRET IT LATER...
I'M GETTING MY JUST DESERTS!!
BA-DUMP
...
!!
NO...
ISN'T THE REAL PROBLEM... ME?
FWIP
HUH...?
サラッ...
FWISH
WHO IS SHE...?

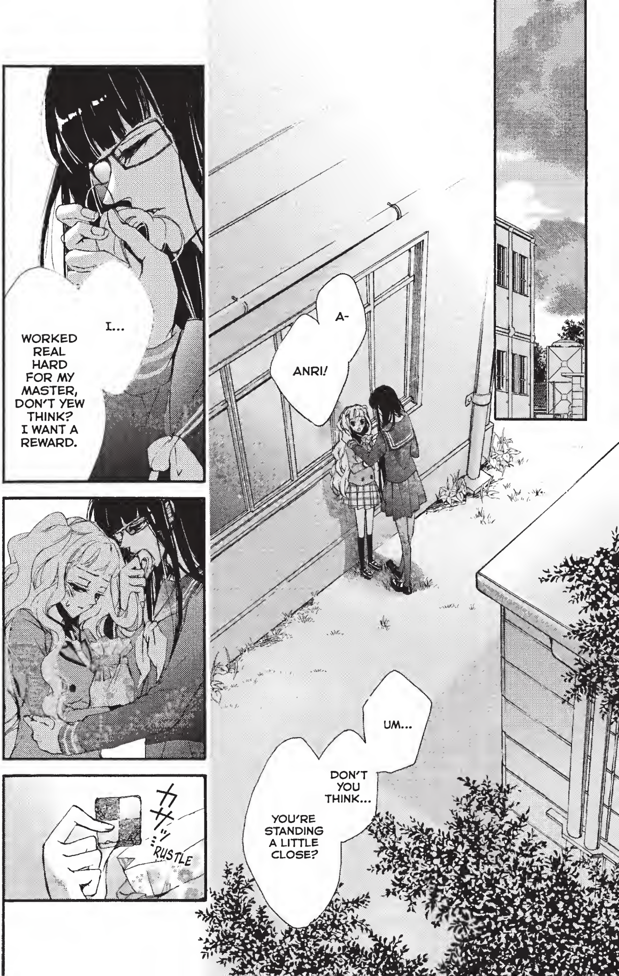

OH, WELL. I GUESS ANRI-CHAN'LL RUN TO THE GOAL WITH YEW.
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
WAIT, IS THAT VOICE...?
HUU-UUUU-UH?!?!
ATHLETICS FESTIVAL

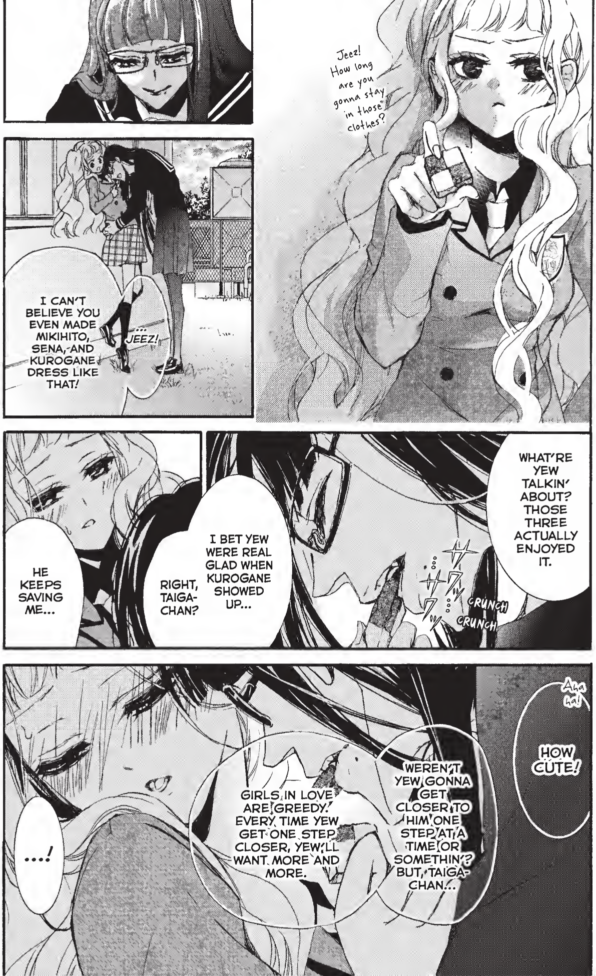

HUH?! WHAT THE?! IS HE IN DRAG?!
NO WAY! ANRI-SEMPAI'S SO PRETTY!
IN FACT, ISN'T HE PRETTIER THAN THE GIRLS?!
きゃあっ きゃあっ EEK! EEK!
タタタタタタ TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
Whoa! He's fast! He's not even looking where he's going!!
HUH?! HANG ON!
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
YOU KIND OF NEED TO BRING A "GIRL" WITH YOU!
ORGANI
THIS IS AGAINST THE RULES, SO I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO GO BACK!
ARGH! ARGH!
Huh?! What the heck?!
BOO! BOO!

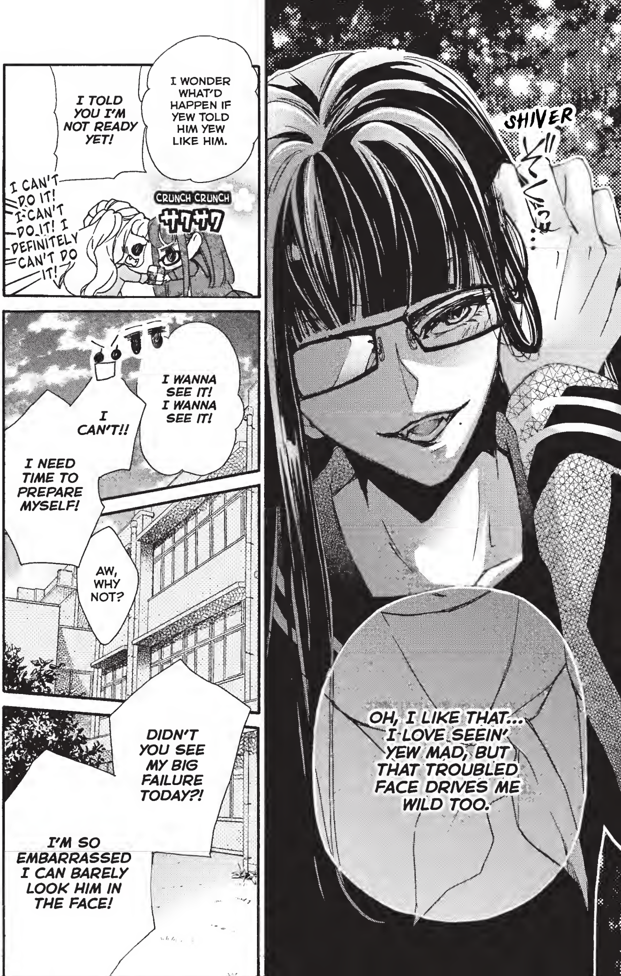

OH, PULL THAT STICK OUT OF YOUR ASS! THERE'S FOUR OF US!
THAT'S GOTTA COUNT FOR AT LEAST ONE GIRL!
O-OKAY!
GANIZER
K-KURO-GANE?!
DON'T STARE SO MUCH.
SENA!
I'm the cutest.
EVEN MIKI-HITO!
I'm not losing to you losers.

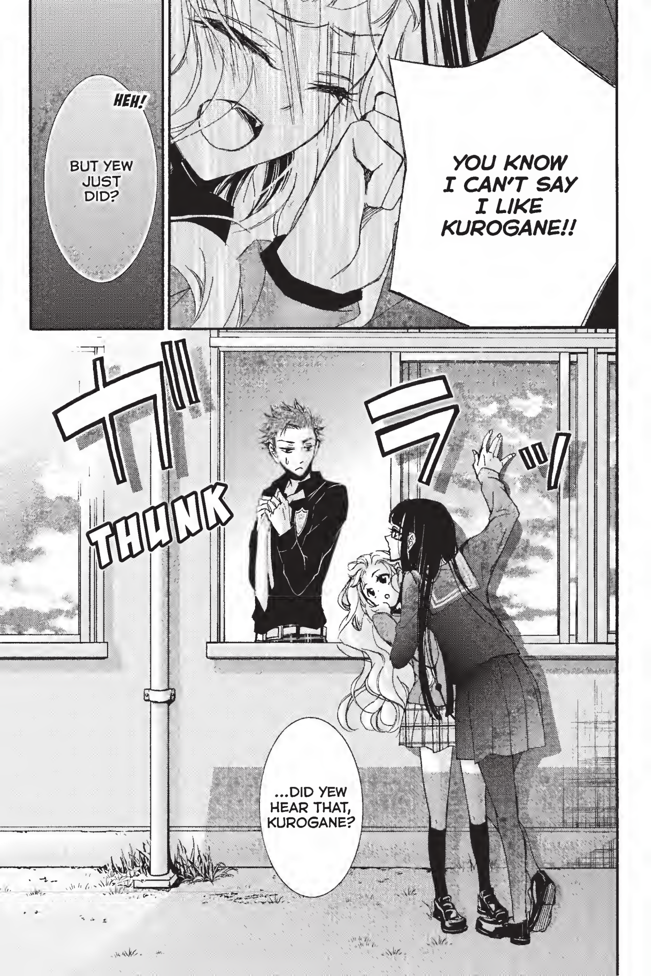

GUYS...
I'M WARNING YOU NOW! THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR BET!
THANK YOU! I'M SO HAPPY!

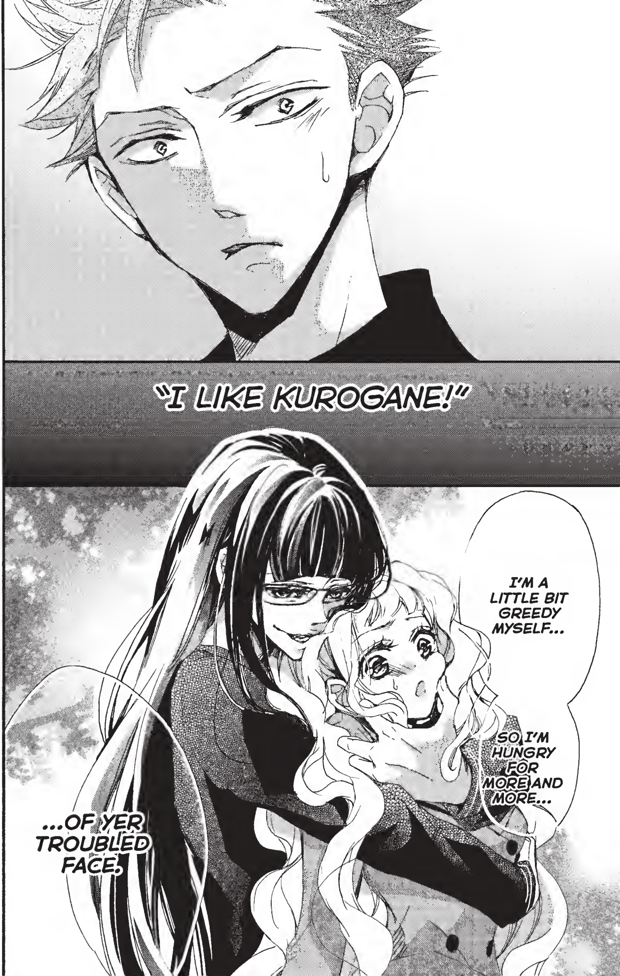

EEK! EEK!
キャキャー
I've never seen those four like that!
T-Taiga Takachiho-san has come from behind to win!
WOOOOW!
わあああ
C-CAN YOU BELIEVE TAKACHIHO-SAN GOT THEM TO DRESS UP LIKE THAT?!
MAYBE SHE'S NOT SO MUCH "SCARY" AS "AMAZING"?
MURMUR MURMUR
I MIGHT WANT TO TALK TO HER!
MURMUR MURMUR


A-
ANRI!
UM...
DON'T YOU THINK...
YOU'RE STANDING A LITTLE CLOSE?
I...
WORKED REAL HARD FOR MY MASTER, DON'T YEW THINK? I WANT A REWARD.
カサッ
RUSTLE


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU EVEN MADE MIKIHITO, SENA, AND KUROGANE DRESS LIKE THAT!
...JEEZ!
Jeez! How long are you gonna stay in those clothes?
WHAT'RE YEW TALKIN' ABOUT? THOSE THREE ACTUALLY ENJOYED IT.
サク サク
CRUNCH CRUNCH
I BET YEW WERE REAL GLAD WHEN KUROGANE SHOWED UP...
RIGHT, TAIGA-CHAN?
HE KEEPS SAVING ME...
Aha ha!
HOW CUTE!
WEREN'T YEW GONNA GET CLOSER TO HIM ONE STEP AT A TIME OR SOMETHIN'? BUT, TAIGA-CHAN...
GIRLS IN LOVE ARE GREEDY. EVERY TIME YEW GET ONE STEP CLOSER, YEW'LL WANT MORE AND MORE.
...!


I WONDER WHAT'D HAPPEN IF YEW TOLD HIM YEW LIKE HIM.
I TOLD YOU I'M NOT READY YET!
CRUNCH CRUNCH
サクサク
I CAN'T DO IT! I CAN'T DO IT! I DEFINITELY CAN'T DO IT!
I WANNA SEE IT! I WANNA SEE IT!
I CAN'T!!
I NEED TIME TO PREPARE MYSELF!
AW, WHY NOT?
DIDN'T YOU SEE MY BIG FAILURE TODAY?!
I'M SO EMBARRASSED I CAN BARELY LOOK HIM IN THE FACE!
SHIVER
OH, I LIKE THAT... I LOVE SEEIN' YEW MAD, BUT THAT TROUBLED FACE DRIVES ME WILD TOO.

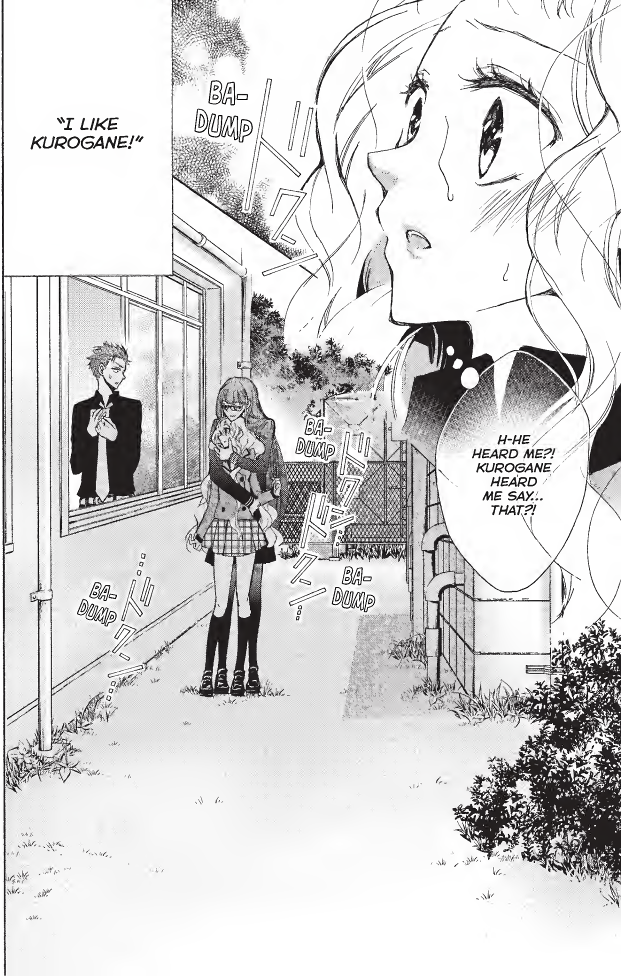

YOU KNOW I CAN'T SAY I LIKE KUROGANE!!
HEH!
BUT YEW JUST DID?
ガラッ
THUNK
...DID YEW HEAR THAT, KUROGANE?

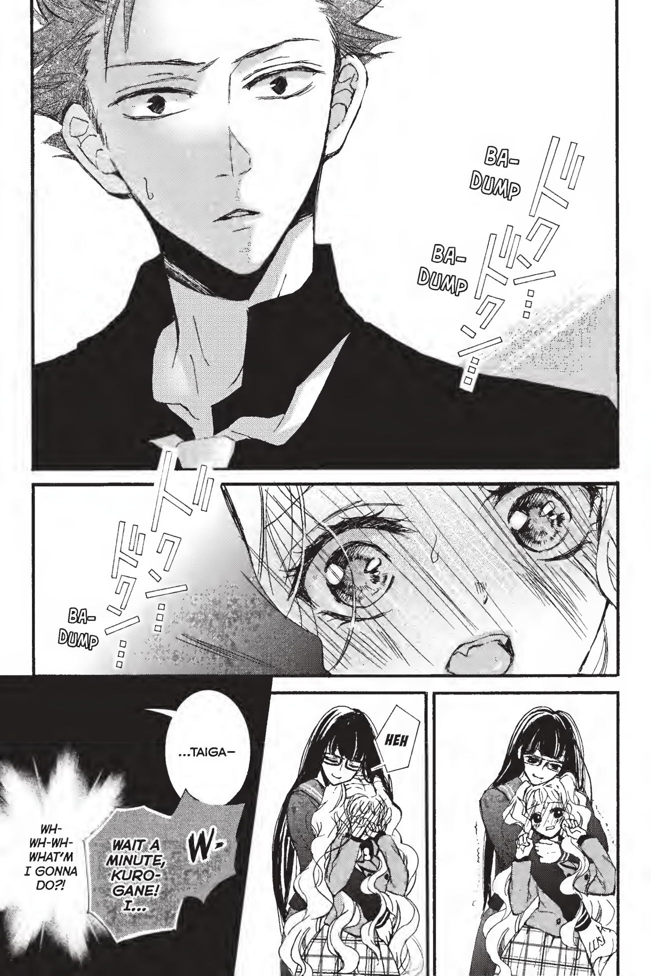

"I LIKE KUROGANE!"
I'M A LITTLE BIT GREEDY MYSELF...
SO I'M HUNGRY FOR MORE AND MORE...
...OF YER TROUBLED FACE.

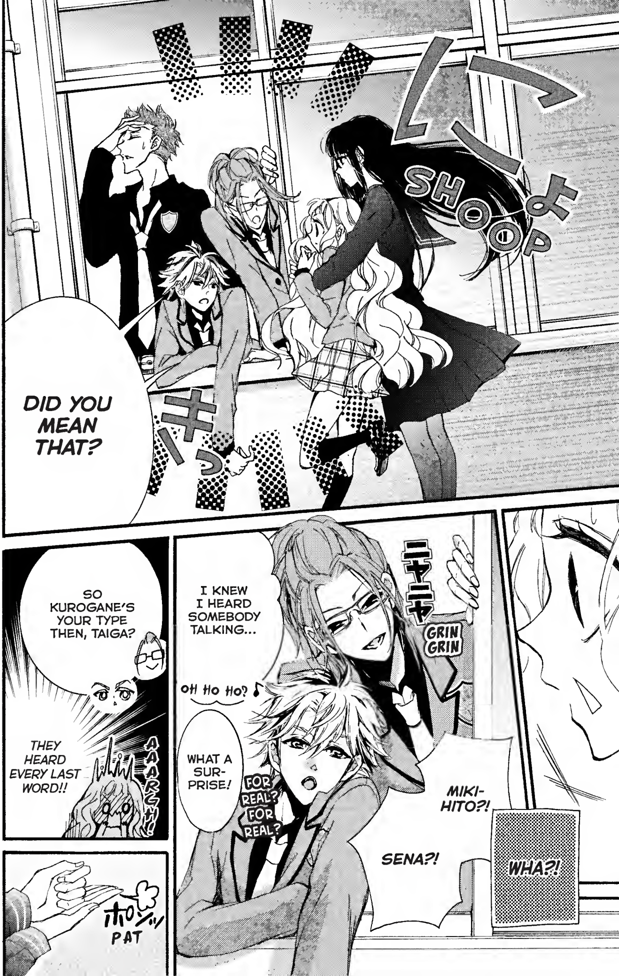
HUNGER
BEAST

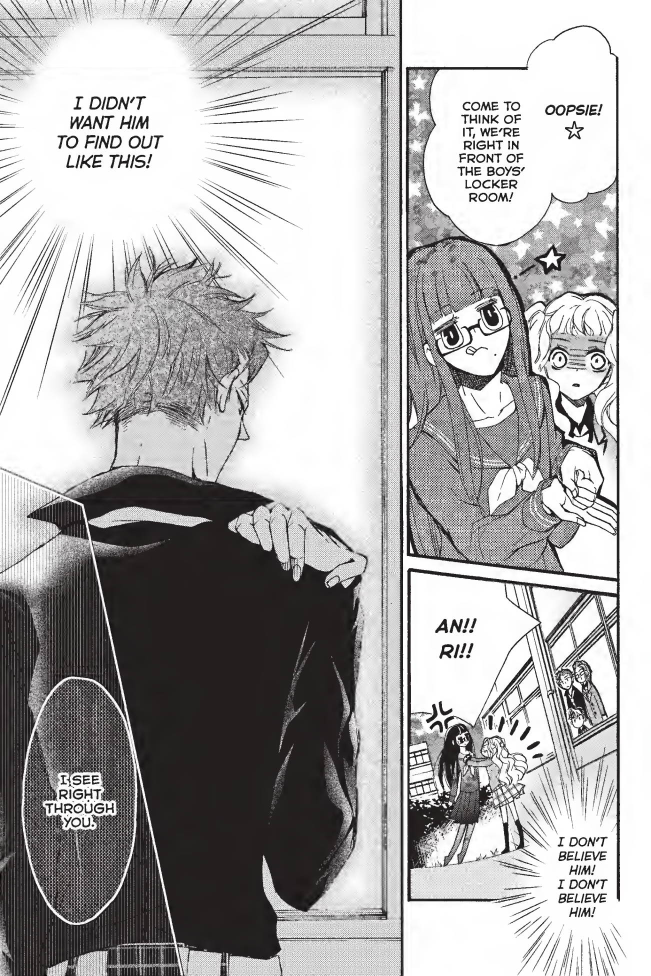
TRAP 7

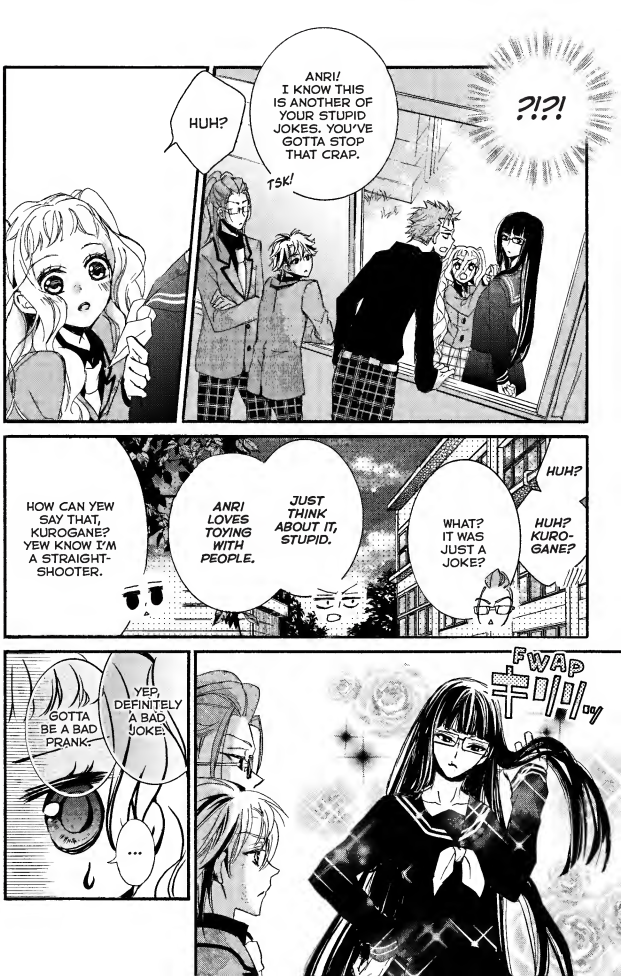
Nightstreet Candy

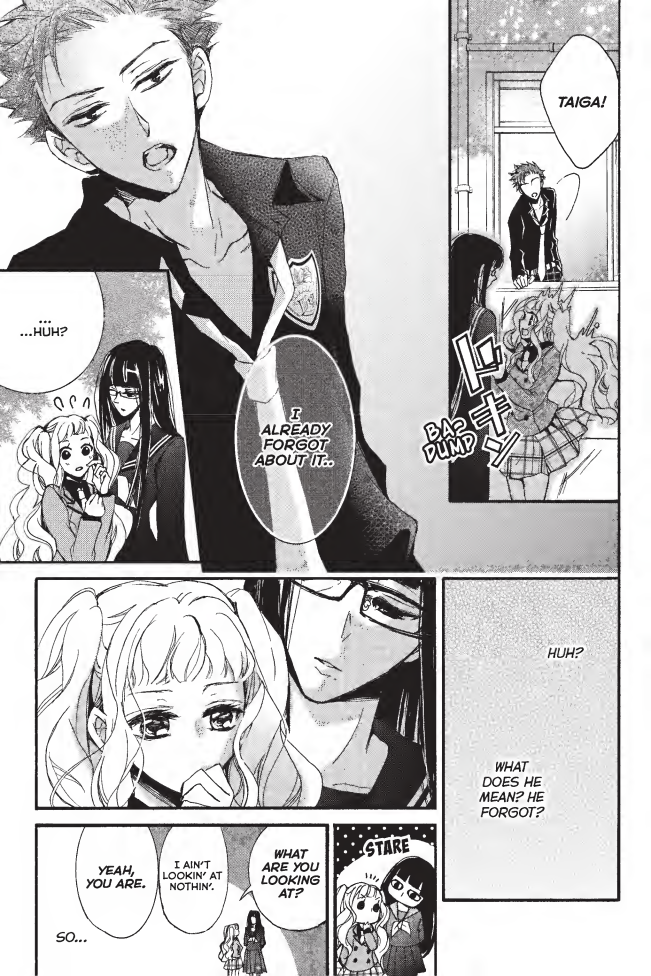

BA-DUMP
"I LIKE KUROGANE!"
H-HE HEARD ME?! KUROGANE HEARD ME SAY... THAT?!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

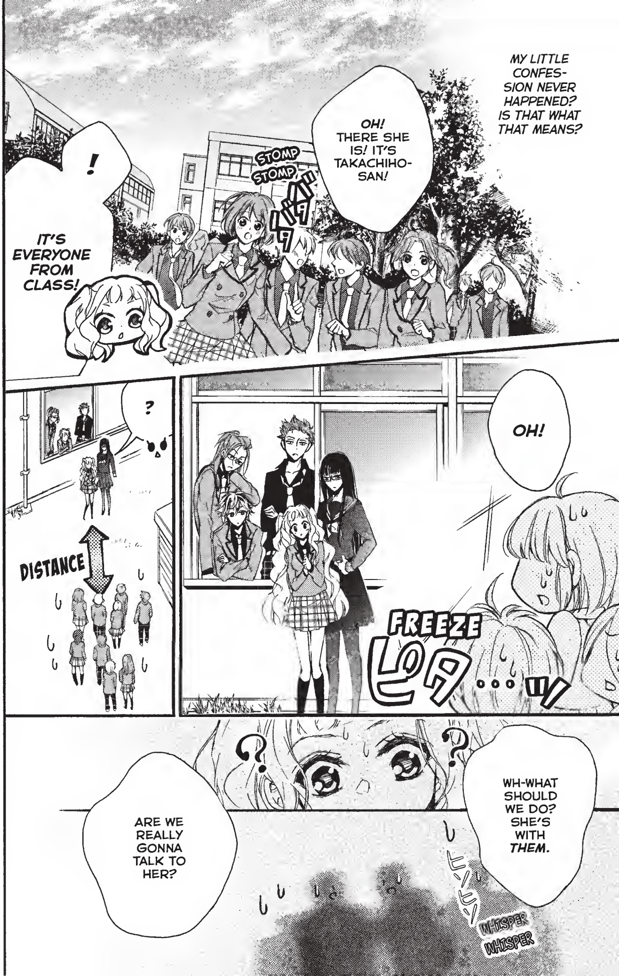

ドクン…
BA-DUMP
ドクン…
BA-DUMP
ドクン…
BA-DUMP
HEH
...TAIGA—
W-
WAIT A MINUTE, KURO-GANE! I...
WH-WH-WH-WHAT'M I GONNA DO?!

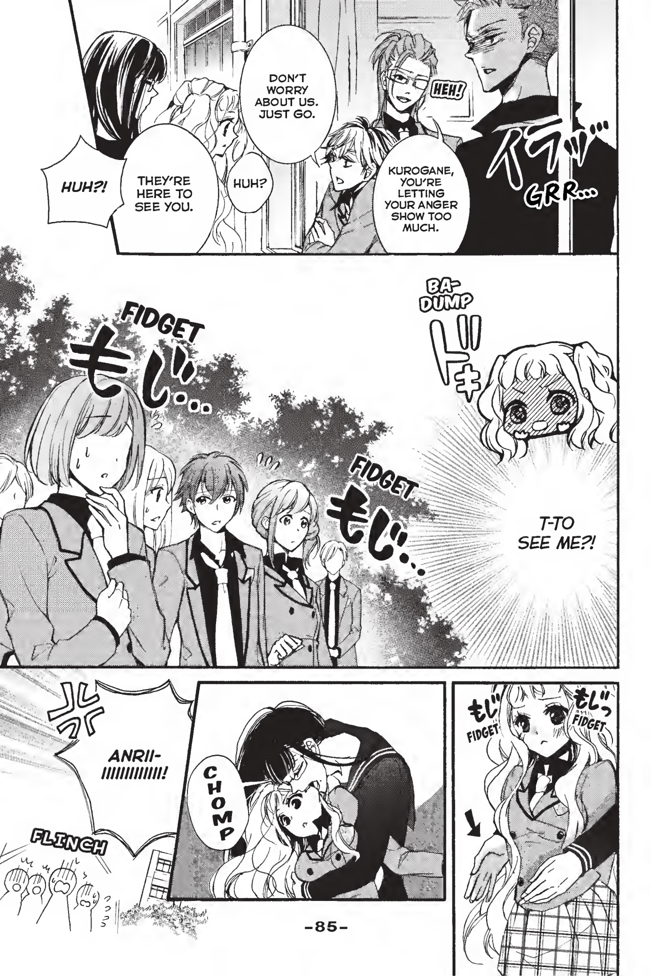

SHOOP
DID YOU MEAN THAT?
WHA?!
MIKI-HITO?!
SENA?!
ニヤニヤ
GRIN GRIN
I KNEW I HEARD SOMEBODY TALKING...
OH HO HO?♪
WHAT A SUR-PRISE!
FOR REAL? FOR REAL?
SO KUROGANE'S YOUR TYPE THEN, TAIGA?
THEY HEARD EVERY LAST WORD!!
AAAARGH!!
ポンッ
PAT

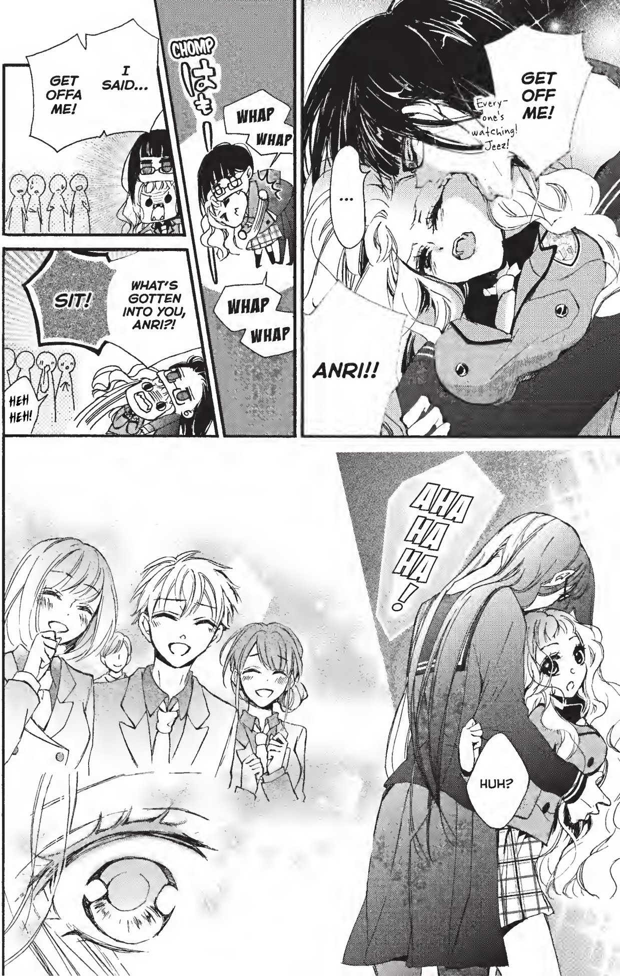

COME TO THINK OF IT, WE'RE RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE BOYS' LOCKER ROOM!
OOPSIE! ☆
AN!! RI!!
I DON'T BELIEVE HIM! I DON'T BELIEVE HIM!
I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO FIND OUT LIKE THIS!
I SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU.

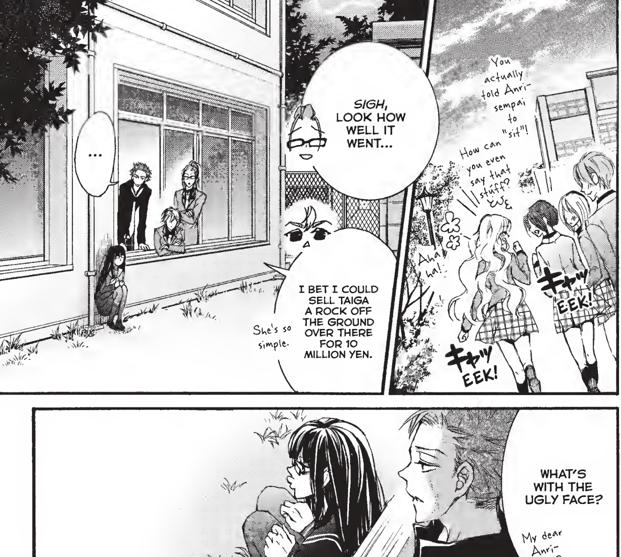

?!?!
ANRI! I KNOW THIS IS ANOTHER OF YOUR STUPID JOKES. YOU'VE GOTTA STOP THAT CRAP.
TSK!
HUH?
HUH?
HUH? KUROGANE?
WHAT? IT WAS JUST A JOKE?
JUST THINK ABOUT IT, STUPID.
ANRI LOVES TOYING WITH PEOPLE.
HOW CAN YEW SAY THAT, KUROGANE? YEW KNOW I'M A STRAIGHT-SHOOTER.
FWAP
キリリッ
YEP, DEFINITELY A BAD JOKE.
GOTTA BE A BAD PRANK.
...

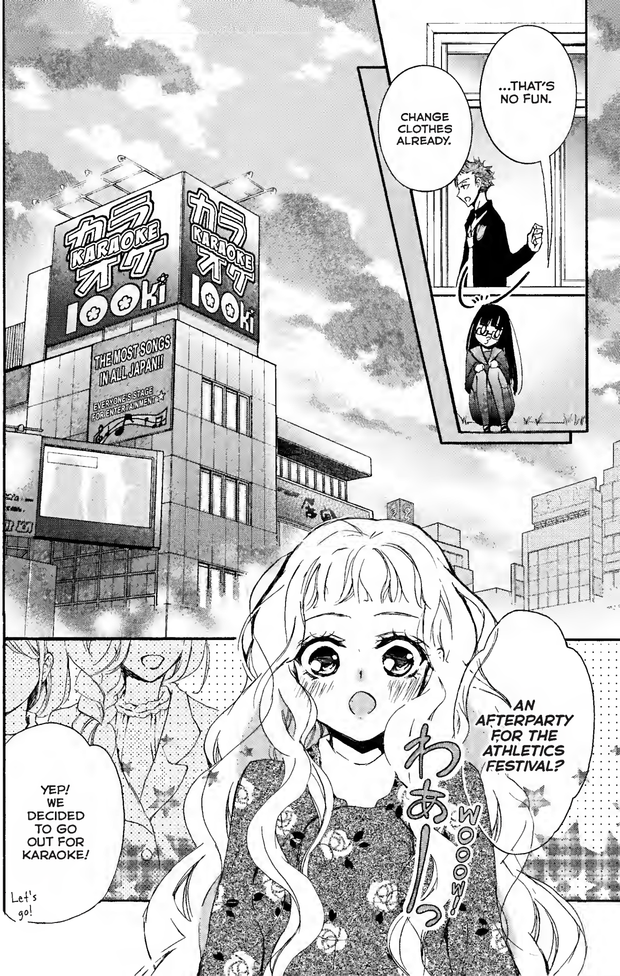

TAIGA!
BA-DUMP
I ALREADY FORGOT ABOUT IT..
... ...HUH?
HUH?
WHAT DOES HE MEAN? HE FORGOT?
STARE
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
I AIN'T LOOKIN' AT NOTHIN'.
YEAH, YOU ARE.
SO...

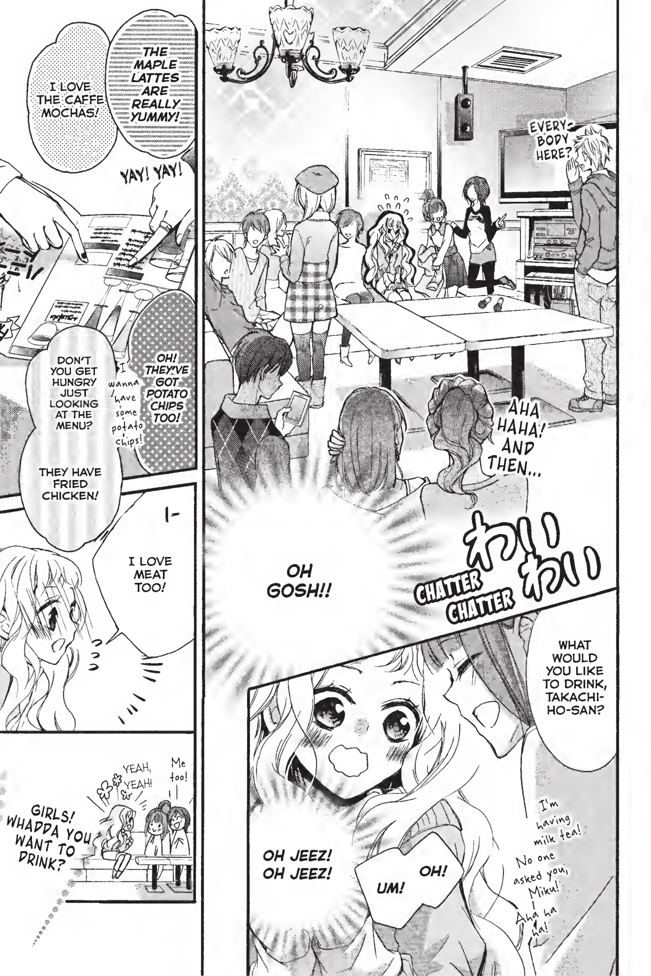

MY LITTLE CONFESSION NEVER HAPPENED? IS THAT WHAT THAT MEANS?
OH! THERE SHE IS! IT'S TAKACHIHO-SAN!
STOMP STOMP
!
IT'S EVERYONE FROM CLASS!
OH!
FREEZE
?
DISTANCE
WH-WHAT SHOULD WE DO? SHE'S WITH *THEM*.
ARE WE REALLY GONNA TALK TO HER?
WHISPER WHISPER

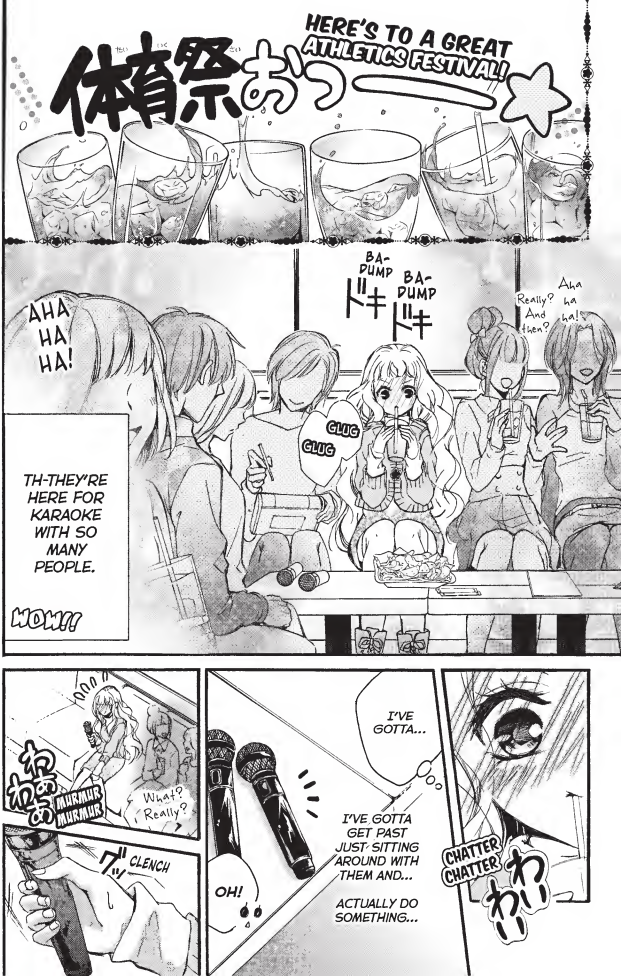

イラッ GRR...
HEH!
KUROGANE, YOU'RE LETTING YOUR ANGER SHOW TOO MUCH.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US. JUST GO.
HUH?
THEY'RE HERE TO SEE YOU.
HUH?!
BA-DUMP ドキ
T-TO SEE ME?!
FIDGET もじ...
FIDGET もじ...
もじっ FIDGET
もじ FIDGET
CHOMP
ANRII-IIIIIIIIIIIII!
FLINCH


GET OFF ME!
Every-one's watching! Jeez!
...
ANRI!!
CHOMP はも!
WHAP WHAP
WHAP WHAP
I SAID...
GET OFFA ME!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, ANRI?!
SIT!
HEH HEH!
AHAHAHA!
HUH?


You actually told Anri-sempai to "sit"!
How can you even say that stuff?
Aha ha!
キャッ EEK!
キャッ EEK!
SIGH, LOOK HOW WELL IT WENT...
I BET I COULD SELL TAIGA A ROCK OFF THE GROUND OVER THERE FOR 10 MILLION YEN.
She's so simple.
...
WHAT'S WITH THE UGLY FACE?
My dear Anri-chan?
SIGH...
THE WAY TAIGA-CHAN ACTED BEFORE...
"I ALREADY FORGOT ABOUT IT."
IT WAS HARD TO TELL WHETHER SHE WAS RELIEVED...
OR DISAPPOINTED...


...THAT'S NO FUN.
CHANGE CLOTHES ALREADY.
カラオケ KARAOKE 100ki
カラオケ KARAOKE 100ki
THE MOST SONGS IN ALL JAPAN!!
EVERYONE'S STAGE FOR ENTERTAINMENT★
AN AFTERPARTY FOR THE ATHLETICS FESTIVAL?
わあしっ WOOOW!
YEP! WE DECIDED TO GO OUT FOR KARAOKE!
Let's go!

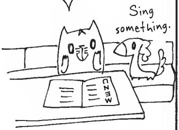

EVERYBODY HERE?
AHA HAHA! AND THEN...
わいわい
CHATTER CHATTER
THE MAPLE LATTES ARE REALLY YUMMY!
I LOVE THE CAFFE MOCHAS!
YAY! YAY!
OH! THEY'VE GOT POTATO CHIPS TOO!
I wanna have some potato chips!
DON'T YOU GET HUNGRY JUST LOOKING AT THE MENU?
THEY HAVE FRIED CHICKEN!
I LOVE MEAT TOO!
OH GOSH!!
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRINK, TAKACHIHO-SAN?
OH!
UM!
OH JEEZ! OH JEEZ!
I'm having milk tea!
No one asked you, Miku!
Aha ha ha!
Me too!
YEAH, YEAH!
GIRLS! WHADDA YOU WANT TO DRINK?


体育祭おつー★
HERE'S TO A GREAT ATHLETICS FESTIVAL!
Aha ha ha!
Really? And then?
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
ドキドキ
GLUG GLUG
AHA HA HA!
TH-THEY'RE HERE FOR KARAOKE WITH SO MANY PEOPLE.
WOW!!
CHATTER CHATTER
わいわい
I'VE GOTTA...
I'VE GOTTA GET PAST JUST SITTING AROUND WITH THEM AND...
ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING...
OH!
わあわあ
MURMUR MURMUR
What? Really?
グッ
CLENCH

4 ABOUT KARAOKE

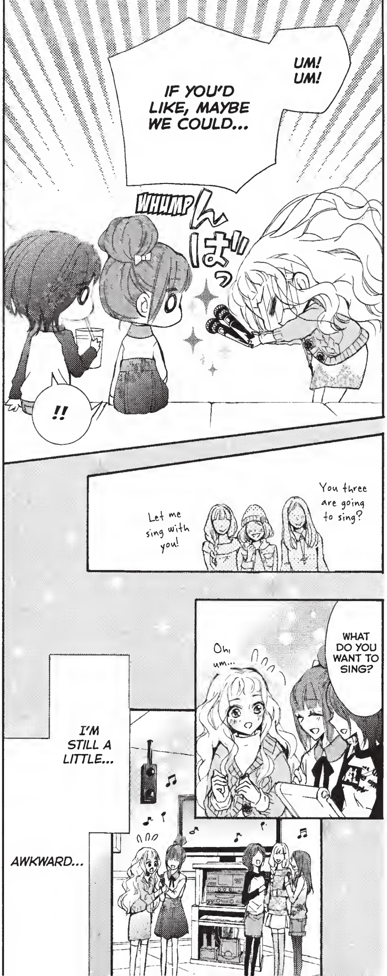
KARAOKE THESE DAYS IS AMAZING!! YOUR FRIEND TORIUMI ONLY GOES VEEERY OCCASIONALLY, BUT IS BLOWN AWAY EVERY TIME!

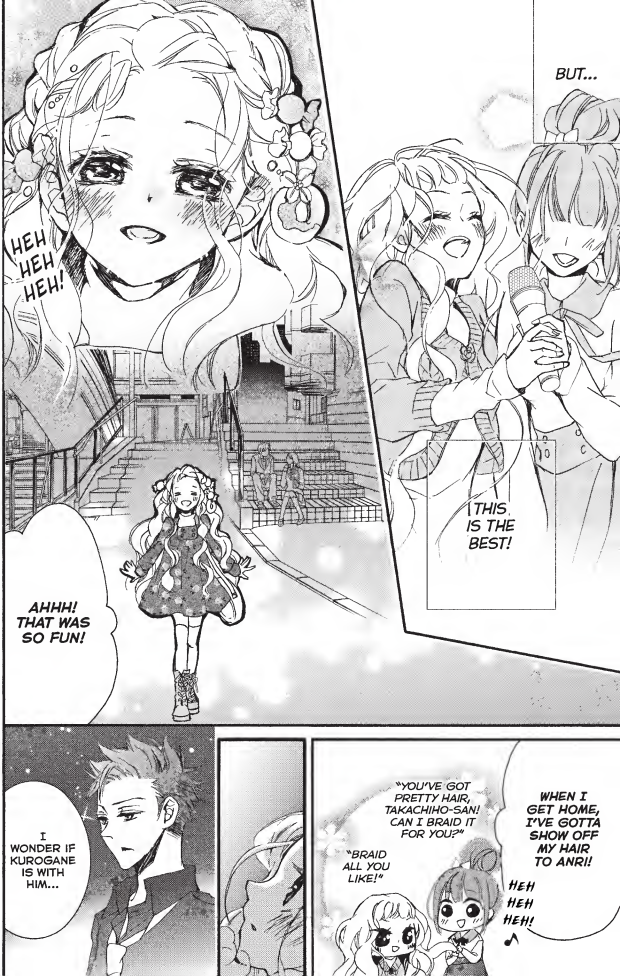
Even just with tea, they have black tea, Japanese tea, Chinese tea, herb tea, etc. So many different varieties of tea! Just looking at the menu gets me excited!

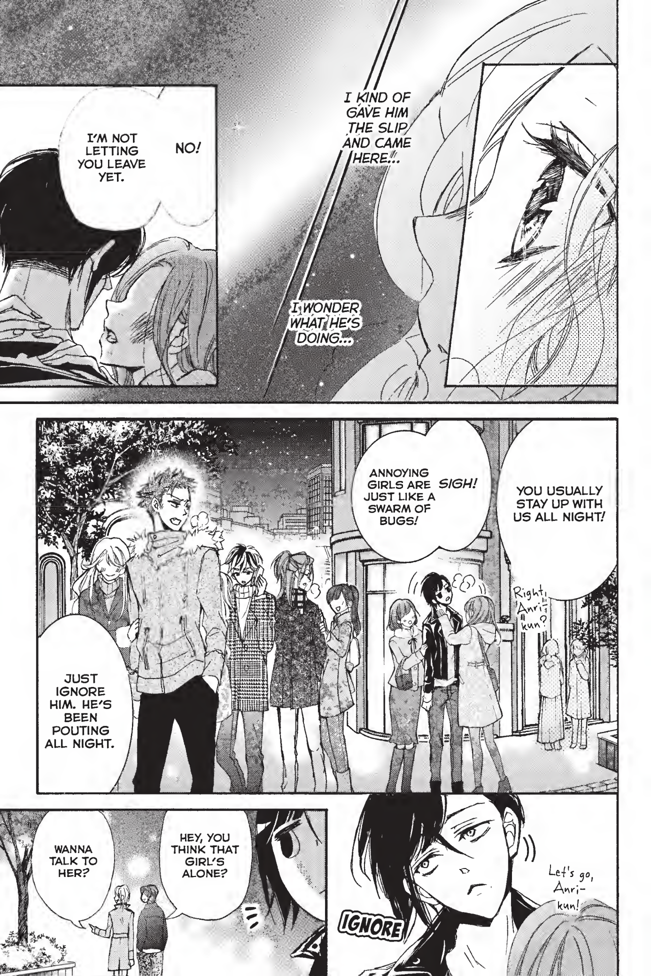

Sing something.
MENU

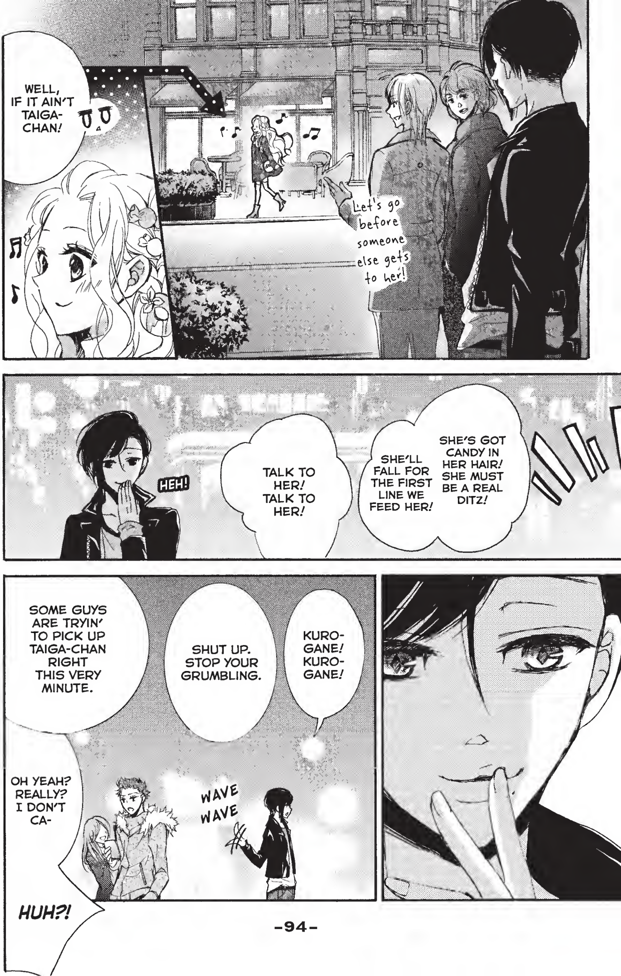
DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE ITEM ON THE KARAOKE PLACE MENUS?

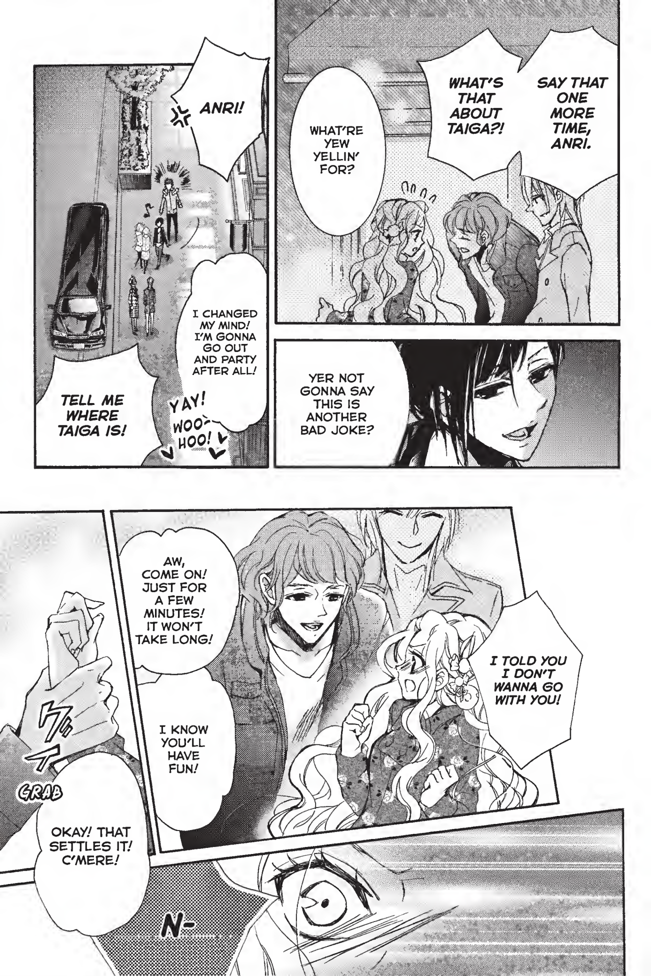
Your friend Toriumi once got hung up on black soybean tea and drank nothing but that!

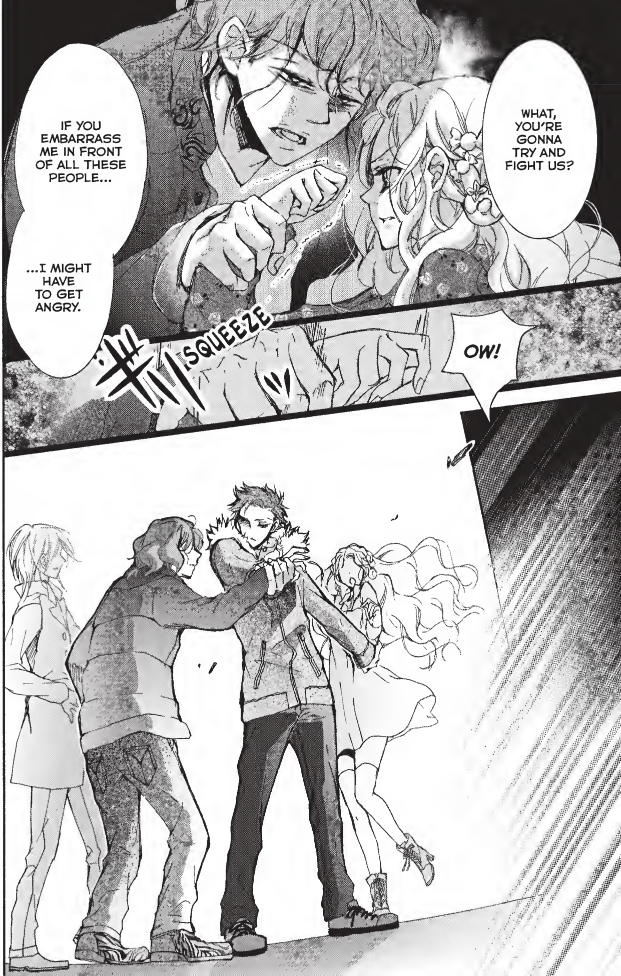

UM! UM!
IF YOU'D LIKE, MAYBE WE COULD...
WHUMP
んばっ
!!
You three are going to sing?
Let me sing with you!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SING?
Oh, um...
I'M STILL A LITTLE...
AWKWARD...

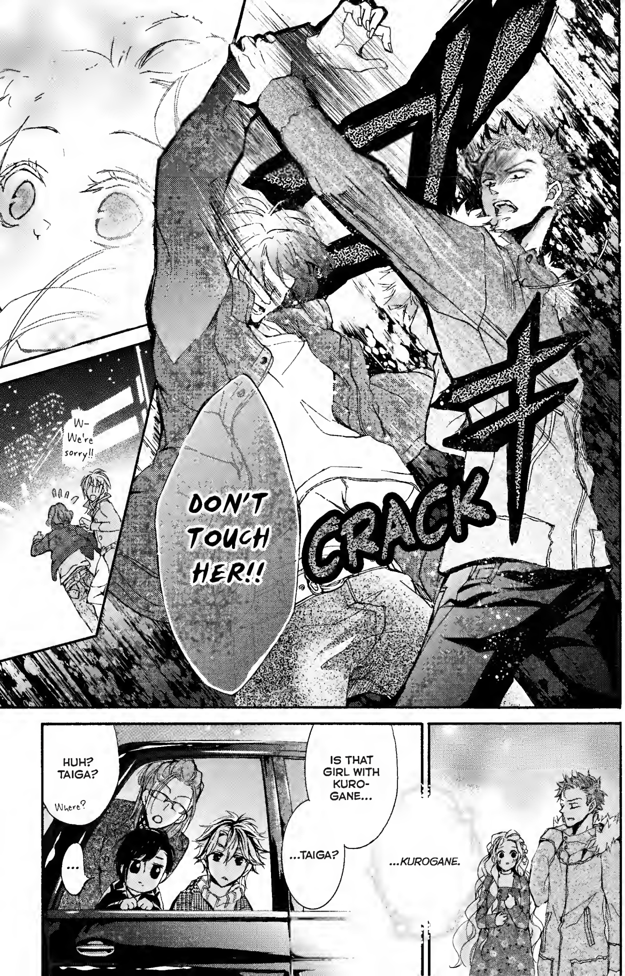

BUT...
THIS IS THE BEST!
HEH HEH HEH!
AHHH! THAT WAS SO FUN!
WHEN I GET HOME, I'VE GOTTA SHOW OFF MY HAIR TO ANRI!
HEH HEH HEH! ♪
"YOU'VE GOT PRETTY HAIR, TAKACHIHO-SAN! CAN I BRAID IT FOR YOU?"
"BRAID ALL YOU LIKE!"
I WONDER IF KUROGANE IS WITH HIM...

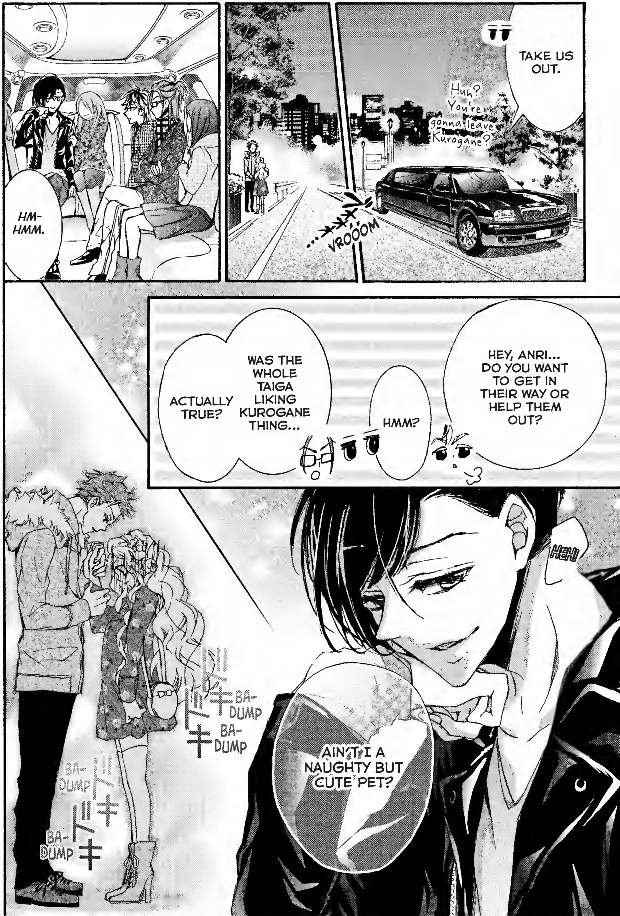

I KIND OF GAVE HIM THE SLIP AND CAME HERE...
I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING...
NO!
I'M NOT LETTING YOU LEAVE YET.
YOU USUALLY STAY UP WITH US ALL NIGHT!
Right, Anri-kun?
SIGH!
ANNOYING GIRLS ARE JUST LIKE A SWARM OF BUGS!
JUST IGNORE HIM. HE'S BEEN POUTING ALL NIGHT.
Let's go, Anri-kun!
IGNORE
HEY, YOU THINK THAT GIRL'S ALONE?
WANNA TALK TO HER?

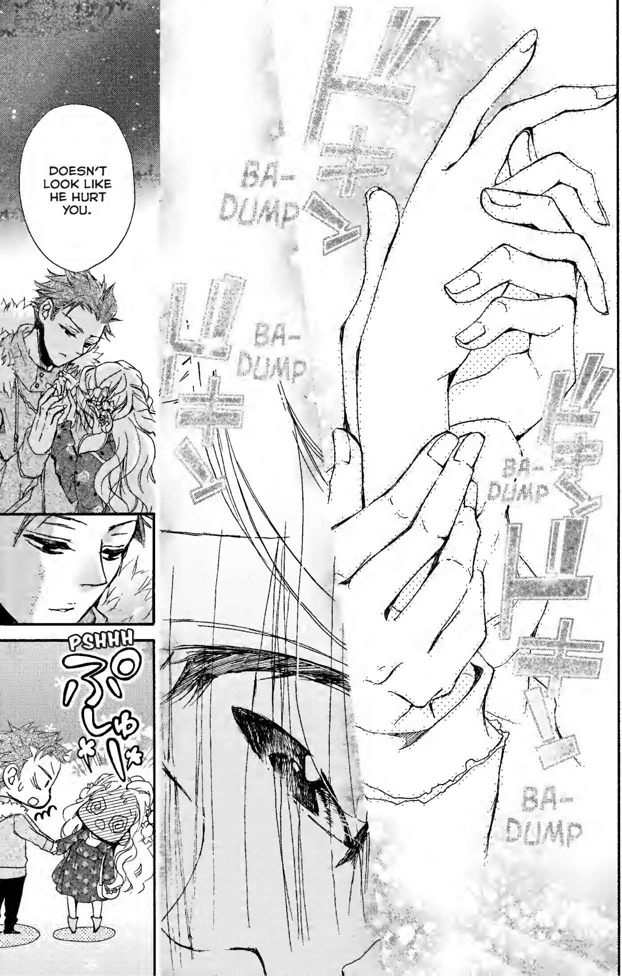

Let's go before someone else gets to her!
WELL, IF IT AIN'T TAIGA-CHAN!
SHE'S GOT CANDY IN HER HAIR! SHE MUST BE A REAL DITZ!
SHE'LL FALL FOR THE FIRST LINE WE FEED HER!
TALK TO HER! TALK TO HER!
HEH!
KURO-GANE! KURO-GANE!
SHUT UP. STOP YOUR GRUMBLING.
SOME GUYS ARE TRYIN' TO PICK UP TAIGA-CHAN RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE.
WAVE WAVE
OH YEAH? REALLY? I DON'T CA-
HUH?!


SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME, ANRI.
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT TAIGA?!
WHAT'RE YEW YELLIN' FOR?
YER NOT GONNA SAY THIS IS ANOTHER BAD JOKE?
ANRI!
I CHANGED MY MIND! I'M GONNA GO OUT AND PARTY AFTER ALL!
YAY! WOO-HOO!
TELL ME WHERE TAIGA IS!
I TOLD YOU I DON'T WANNA GO WITH YOU!
AW, COME ON! JUST FOR A FEW MINUTES! IT WON'T TAKE LONG!
I KNOW YOU'LL HAVE FUN!
OKAY! THAT SETTLES IT! C'MERE!
グイ
GRAB
N-


WHAT, YOU'RE GONNA TRY AND FIGHT US?
IF YOU EMBARRASS ME IN FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE...
...I MIGHT HAVE TO GET ANGRY.
OW!
SQUEEZE


DON'T TOUCH HER!!
CRACK
W- We're sorry!!
...KUROGANE.
IS THAT GIRL WITH KUROGANE...
...TAIGA?
HUH? TAIGA?
Where?
...


TAKE US OUT.
Huh? You're gonna leave Kurogane?
VROOOM
HM-HMM.
HEY, ANRI... DO YOU WANT TO GET IN THEIR WAY OR HELP THEM OUT?
HMM?
WAS THE WHOLE TAIGA LIKING KUROGANE THING...
ACTUALLY TRUE?
HEH!
AIN'T I A NAUGHTY BUT CUTE PET?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP


ドキ
BA-DUMP
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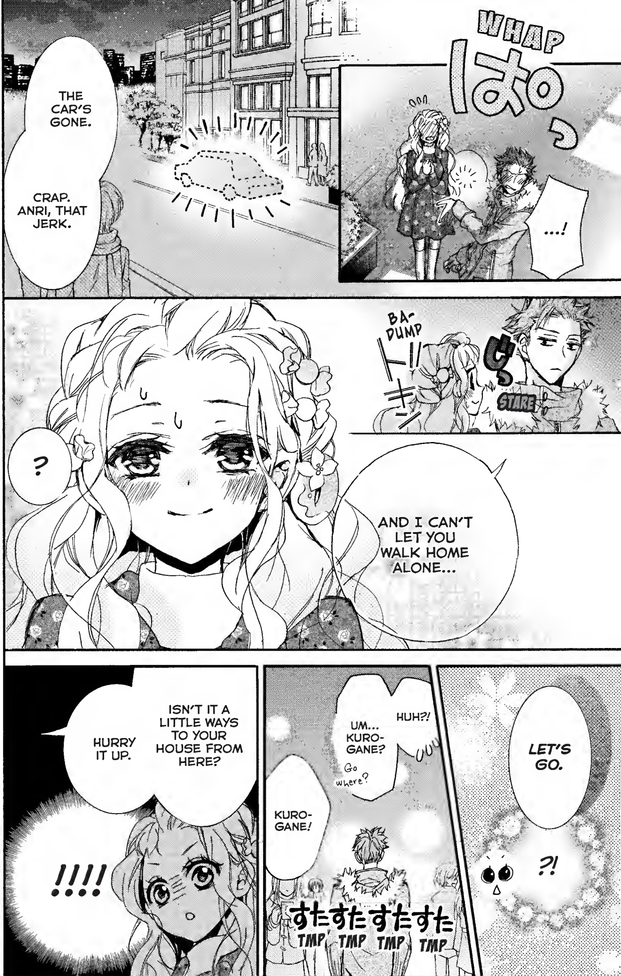
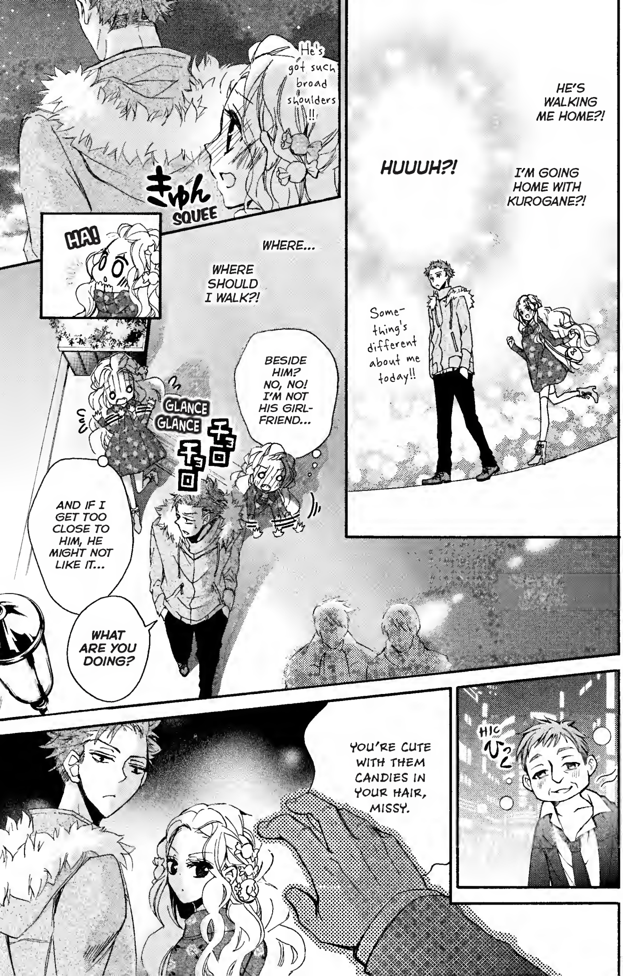
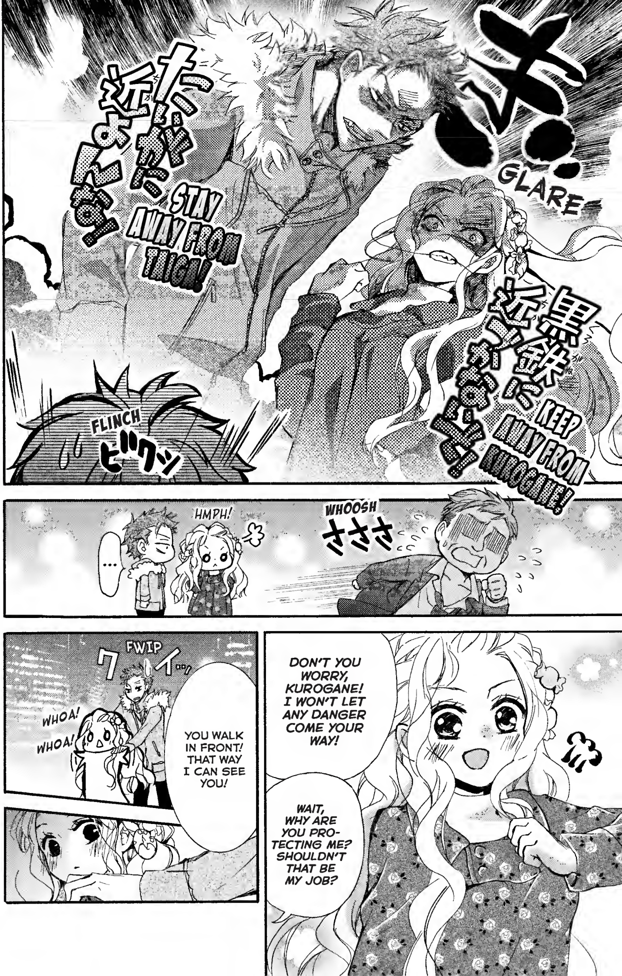
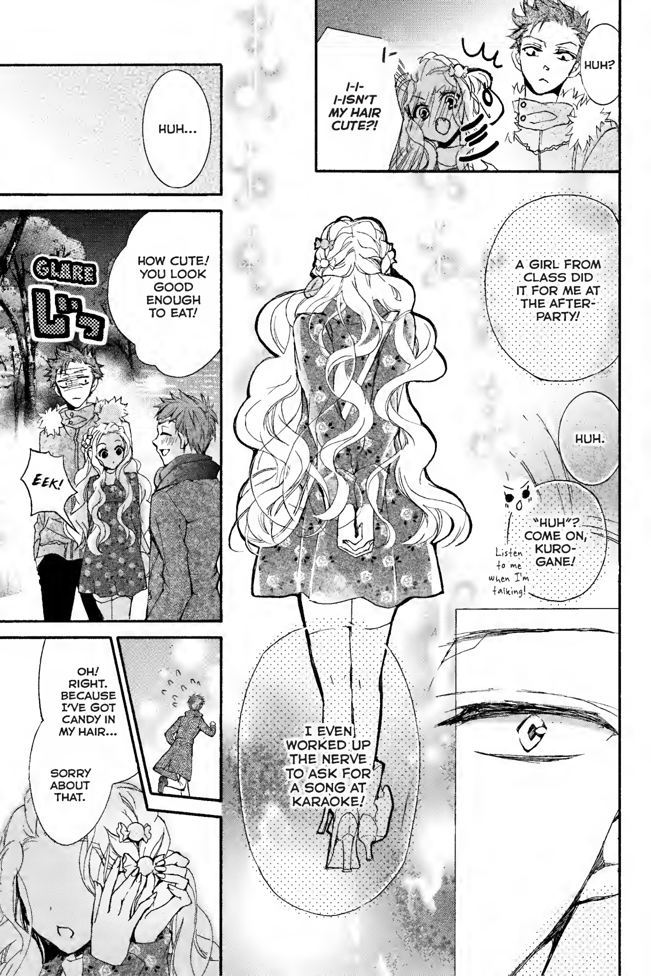
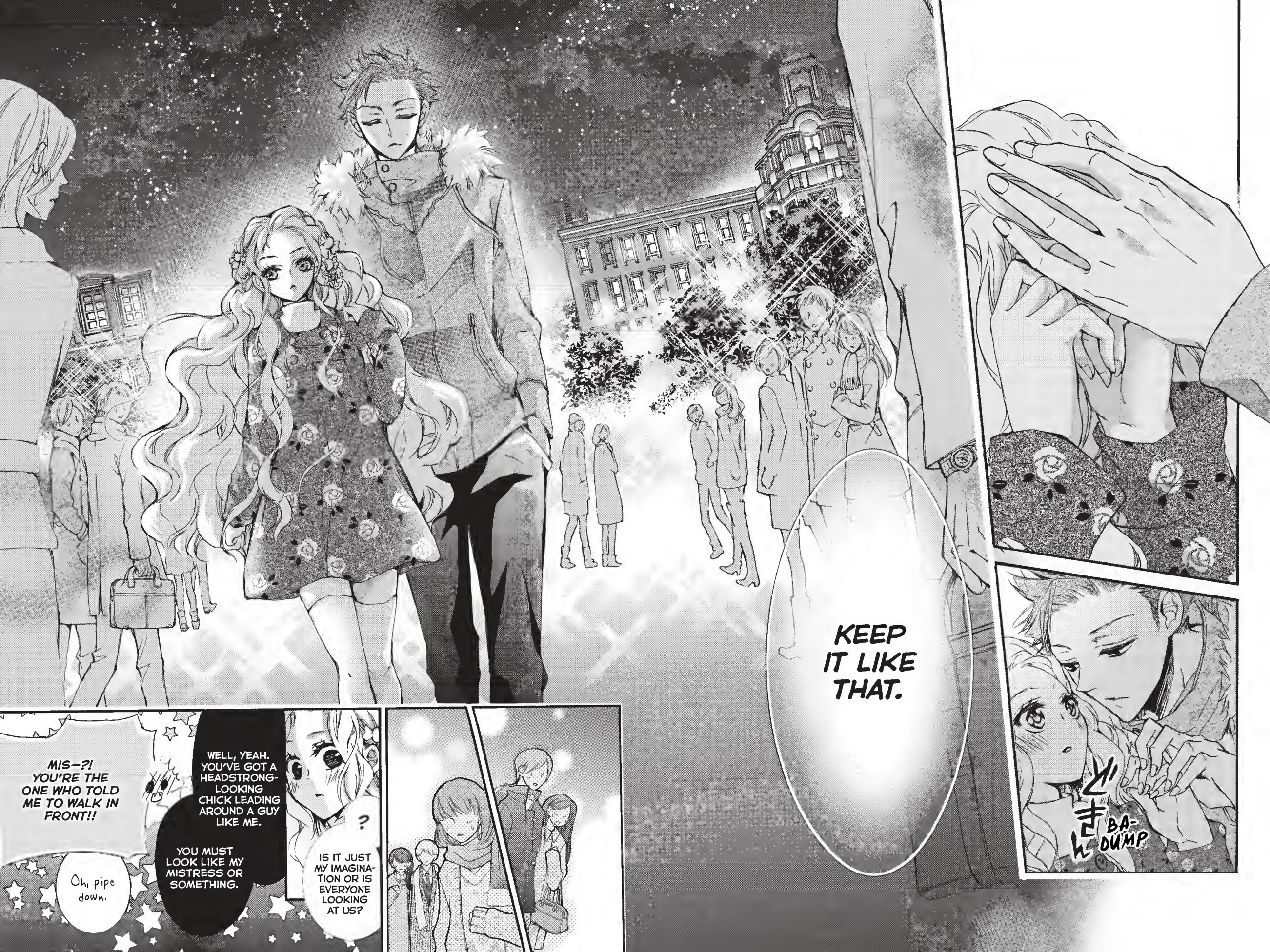
BA-DUMP
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE HURT YOU.
PSHHH
ぷしゅ～！

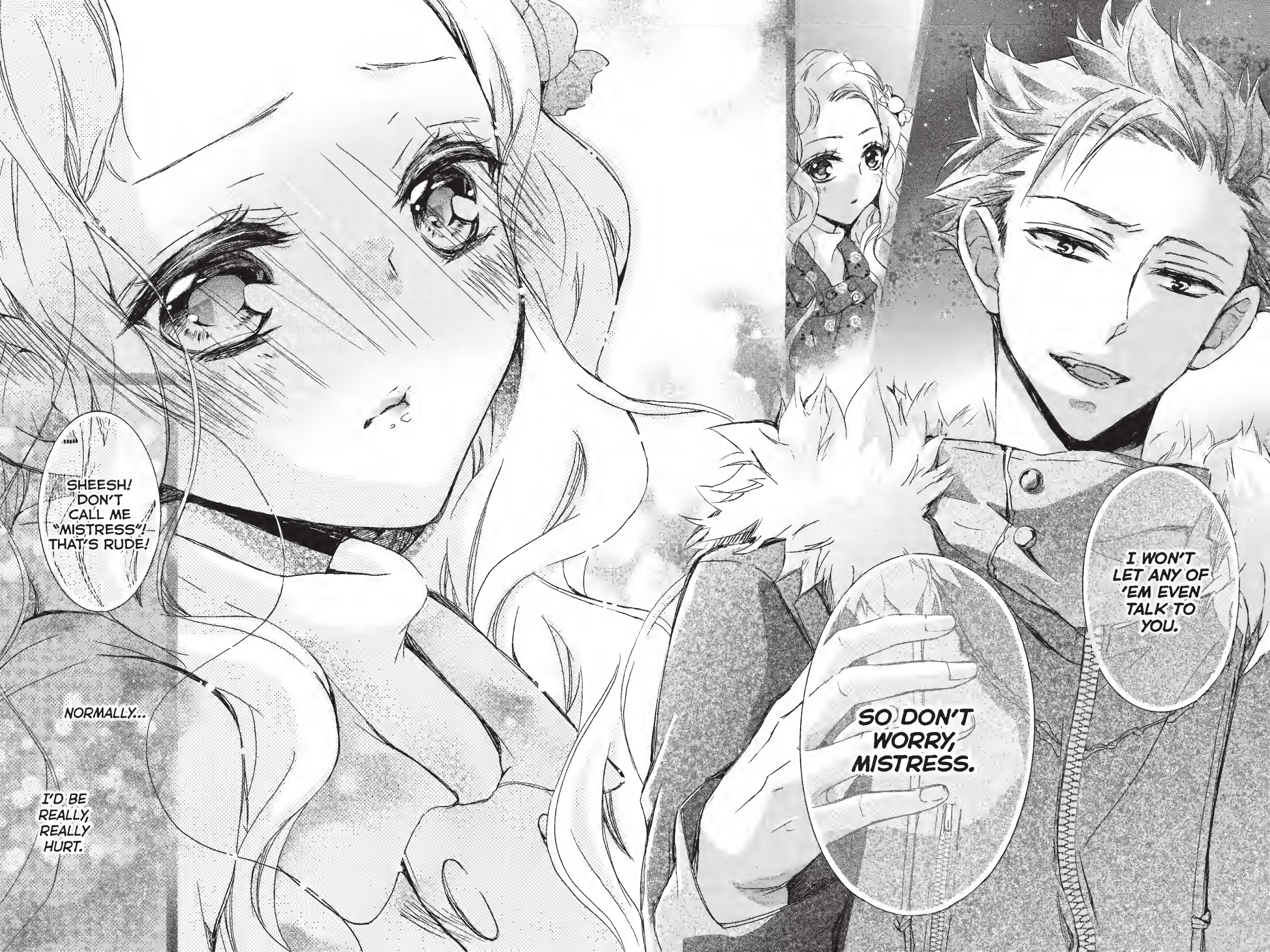

THE CAR'S GONE.
CRAP. ANRI, THAT JERK.
WHAP
ぱっ
...!
BA-DUMP
ドキン
じっ
STARE
?
AND I CAN'T LET YOU WALK HOME ALONE...
LET'S GO.
?!
HUH?!
UM... KURO-GANE?
Go where?
KURO-GANE!
すたすたすたすた
TMP TMP TMP TMP
ISN'T IT A LITTLE WAYS TO YOUR HOUSE FROM HERE?
HURRY IT UP.
!!!!

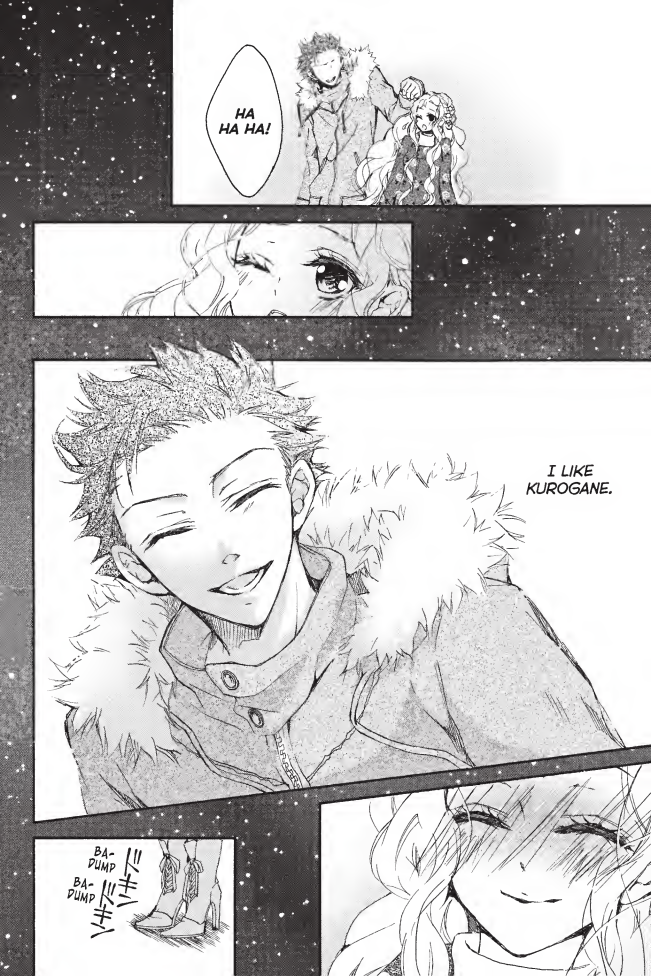

HE'S WALKING ME HOME?!
HUUUH?!
I'M GOING HOME WITH KUROGANE?!
Something's different about me today!!
He's got such broad shoulders!!
きゅん SQUEE
HA!
WHERE...
WHERE SHOULD I WALK?!
BESIDE HIM? NO, NO! I'M NOT HIS GIRLFRIEND...
GLANCE GLANCE
チョロ チョロ
AND IF I GET TOO CLOSE TO HIM, HE MIGHT NOT LIKE IT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HIC ひっ
YOU'RE CUTE WITH THEM CANDIES IN YOUR HAIR, MISSY.

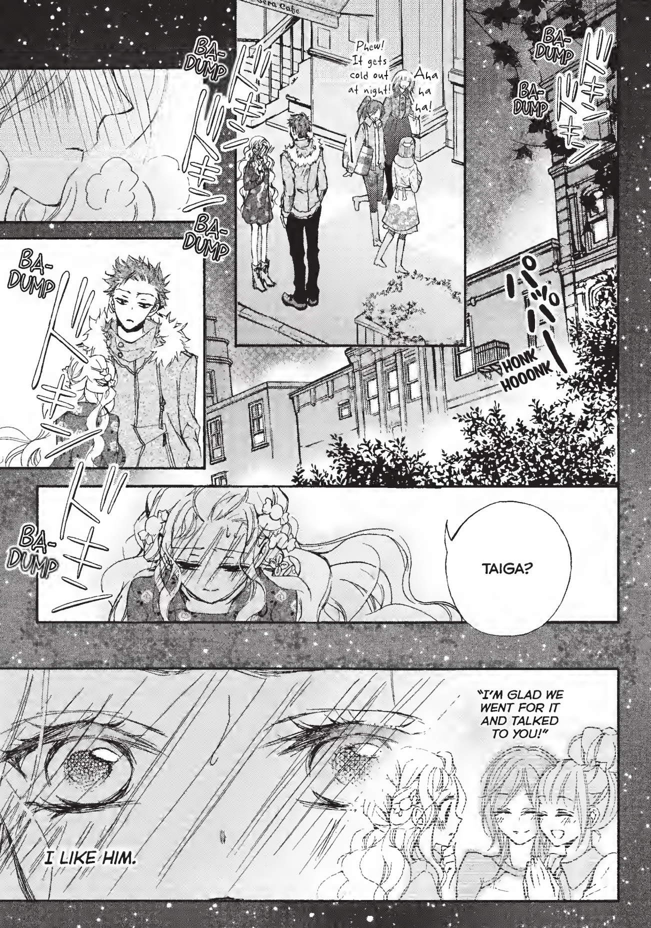

キッ
GLARE
黒鉄に近づかないで!
KEEP AWAY FROM KUROGANE!
たいがに近よんなっ!
STAY AWAY FROM TAIGA!
ビクッ
FLINCH
ささささ
WHOOSH
HMPH!
...
DON'T YOU WORRY, KUROGANE! I WON'T LET ANY DANGER COME YOUR WAY!
WAIT, WHY ARE YOU PROTECTING ME? SHOULDN'T THAT BE MY JOB?
クイッ
FWIP
YOU WALK IN FRONT! THAT WAY I CAN SEE YOU!
WHOA!
WHOA!

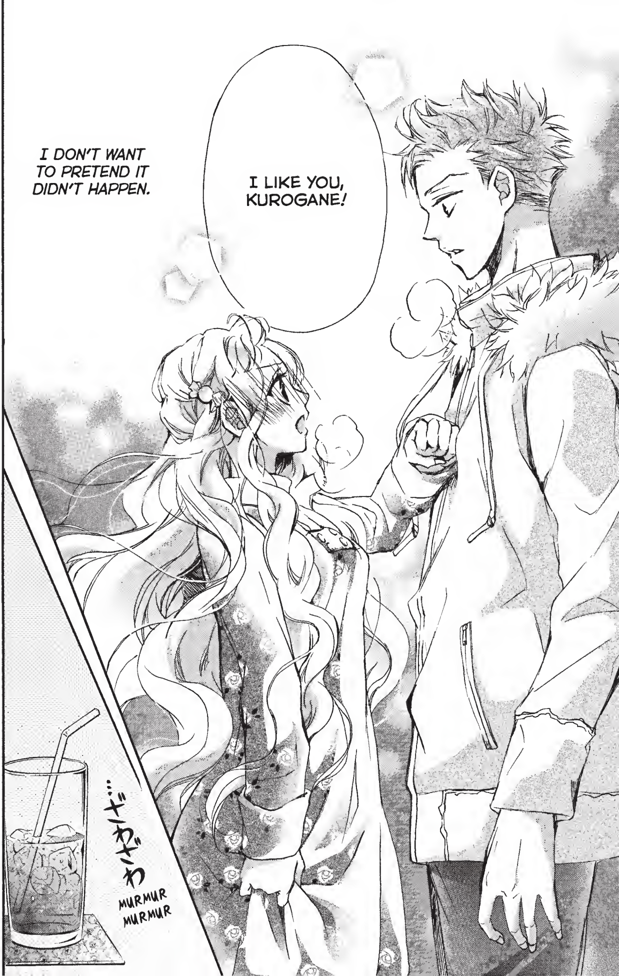

HUH?
I-
I-I-I-ISN'T MY HAIR CUTE?!
HUH...
A GIRL FROM CLASS DID IT FOR ME AT THE AFTER-PARTY!
HUH.
"HUH"? COME ON, KURO-GANE!
Listen to me when I'm talking!
I EVEN WORKED UP THE NERVE TO ASK FOR A SONG AT KARAOKE!
HOW CUTE! YOU LOOK GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT!
GLARE
EEK!
OH! RIGHT. BECAUSE I'VE GOT CANDY IN MY HAIR...
SORRY ABOUT THAT.

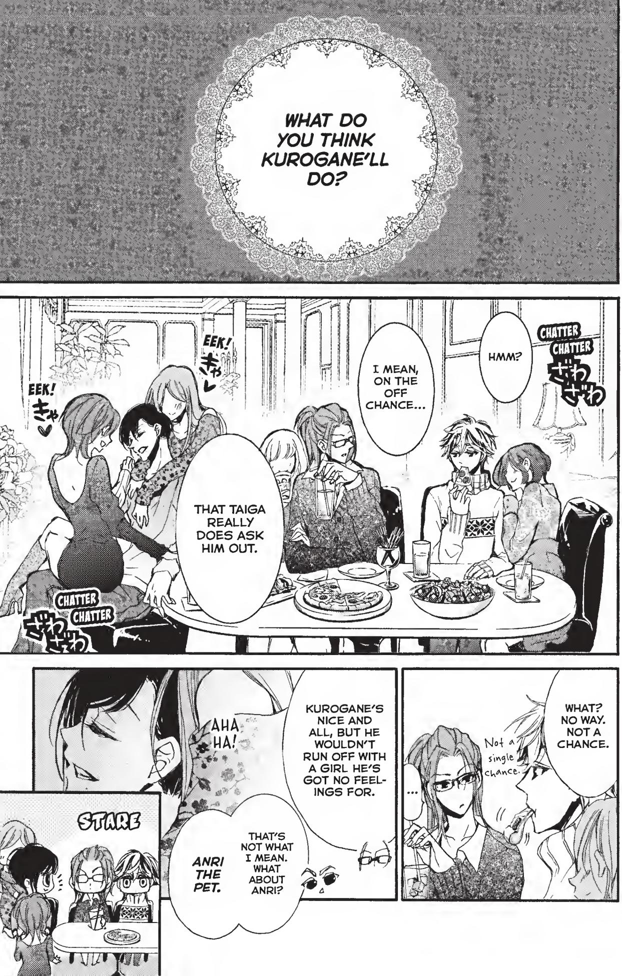

KEEP IT LIKE THAT.
どきん BA-DUMP
IS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION OR IS EVERYONE LOOKING AT US?
?
WELL, YEAH. YOU'VE GOT A HEADSTRONG-LOOKING CHICK LEADING AROUND A GUY LIKE ME.
YOU MUST LOOK LIKE MY MISTRESS OR SOMETHING.
MIS–?! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO WALK IN FRONT!!
Oh, pipe down.

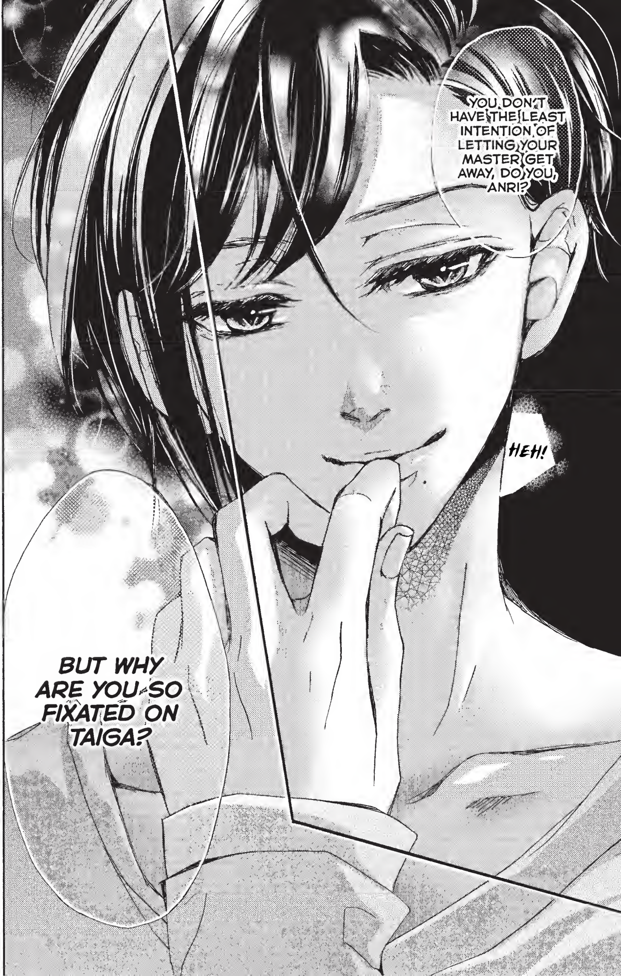

I WON'T LET ANY OF 'EM EVEN TALK TO YOU.
SO DON'T WORRY, MISTRESS.
SHEESH! DON'T CALL ME "MISTRESS"! THAT'S RUDE!
NORMALLY...
I'D BE REALLY, REALLY HURT.


HA HA HA!
I LIKE KUROGANE.
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
ドキン ドキン


BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
Sera Cafe
Aha ha ha!
Phew! It gets cold out at night!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
HONK HOOONK
BA-DUMP
TAIGA?
BA-DUMP
"I'M GLAD WE WENT FOR IT AND TALKED TO YOU!"
I LIKE HIM.

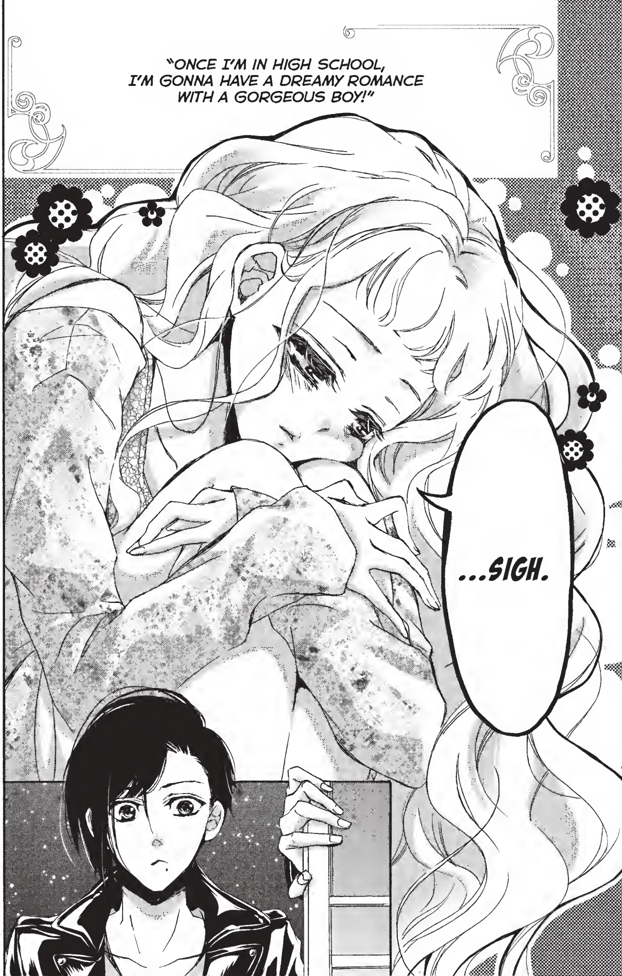

I LIKE YOU, KUROGANE!
I DON'T WANT TO PRETEND IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.
…ざわざわ
MURMUR MURMUR

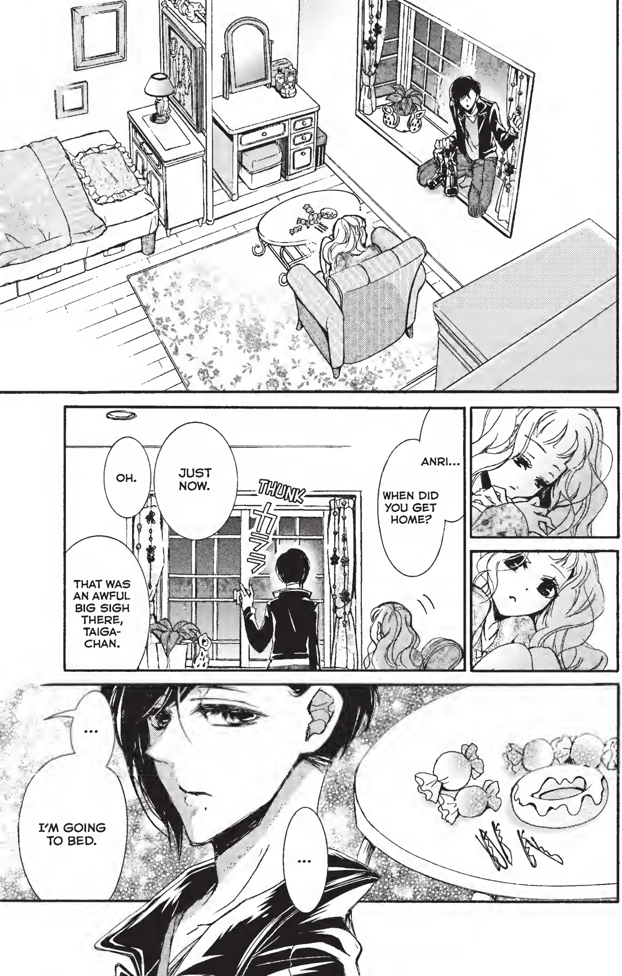

WHAT DO YOU THINK KUROGANE'LL DO?
CHATTER CHATTER
ざわざわ
HMM?
I MEAN, ON THE OFF CHANCE...
THAT TAIGA REALLY DOES ASK HIM OUT.
EEK!
きゃ
EEK!
きゃ♥
CHATTER CHATTER
ざわざわ
WHAT? NO WAY. NOT A CHANCE.
Not a single chance.
...
AHA HA!
KUROGANE'S NICE AND ALL, BUT HE WOULDN'T RUN OFF WITH A GIRL HE'S GOT NO FEELINGS FOR.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN. WHAT ABOUT ANRI?
ANRI THE PET.
STARE

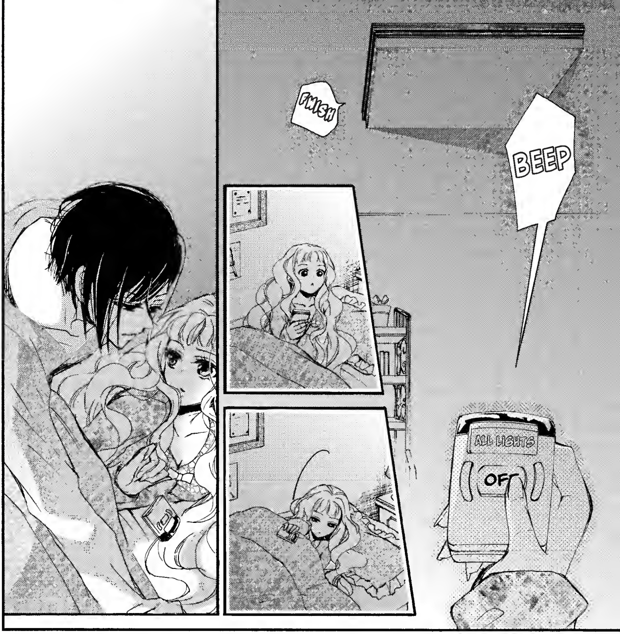

YOU DON'T HAVE THE LEAST INTENTION OF LETTING YOUR MASTER GET AWAY, DO YOU, ANRI?
HEH!
BUT WHY ARE YOU SO FIXATED ON TAIGA?

TRAP 8

A Sweet Kiss Through a Doughnut


"ONCE I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL, I'M GONNA HAVE A DREAMY ROMANCE WITH A GORGEOUS BOY!"
...SIGH.


ANRI...
WHEN DID YOU GET HOME?
JUST NOW.
OH.
THUNK
カララ
THAT WAS AN AWFUL BIG SIGH THERE, TAIGA-CHAN.
...
...
I'M GOING TO BED.

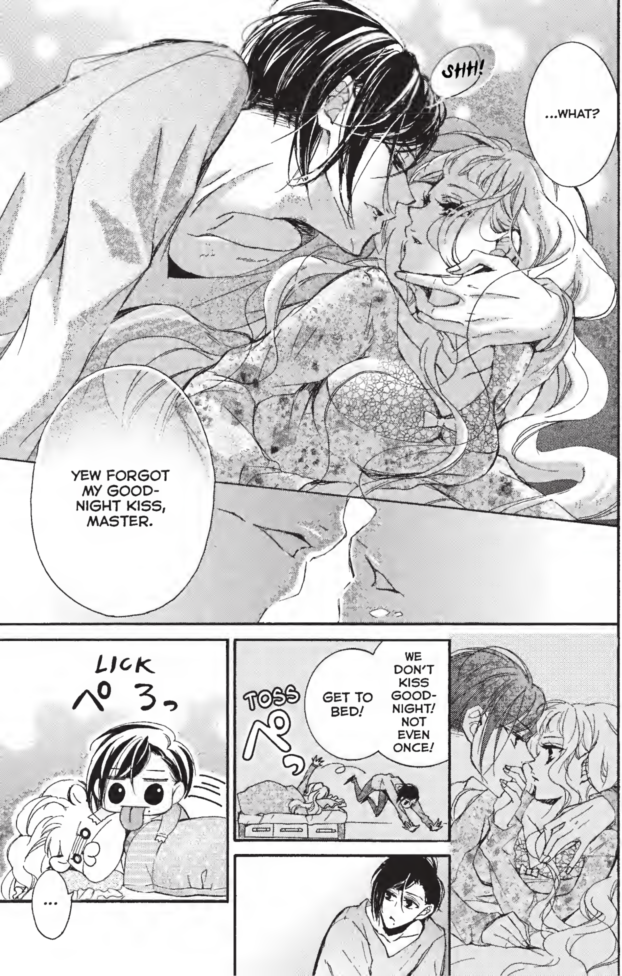


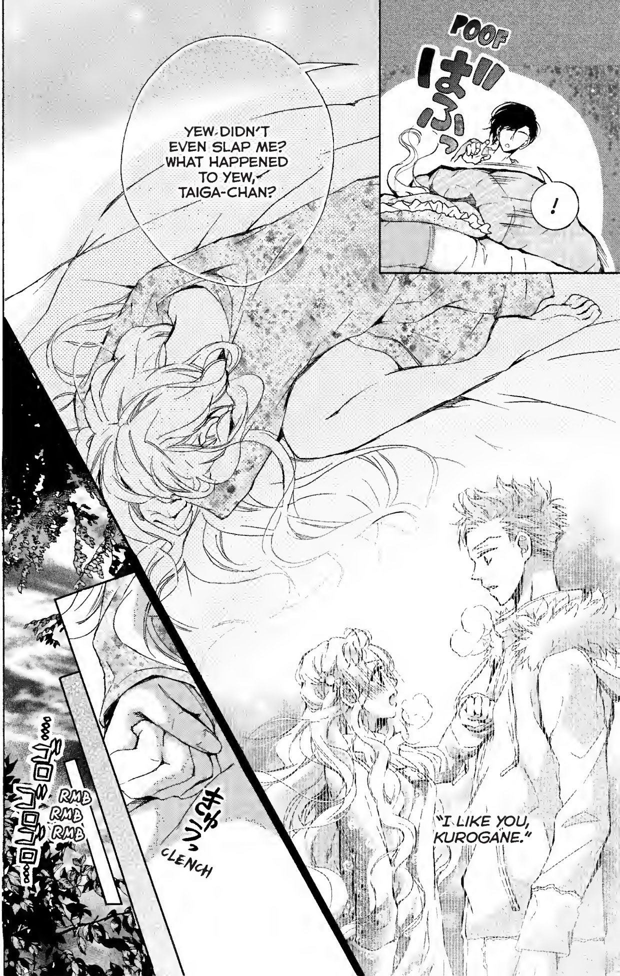
5 ABOUT LIGHTING

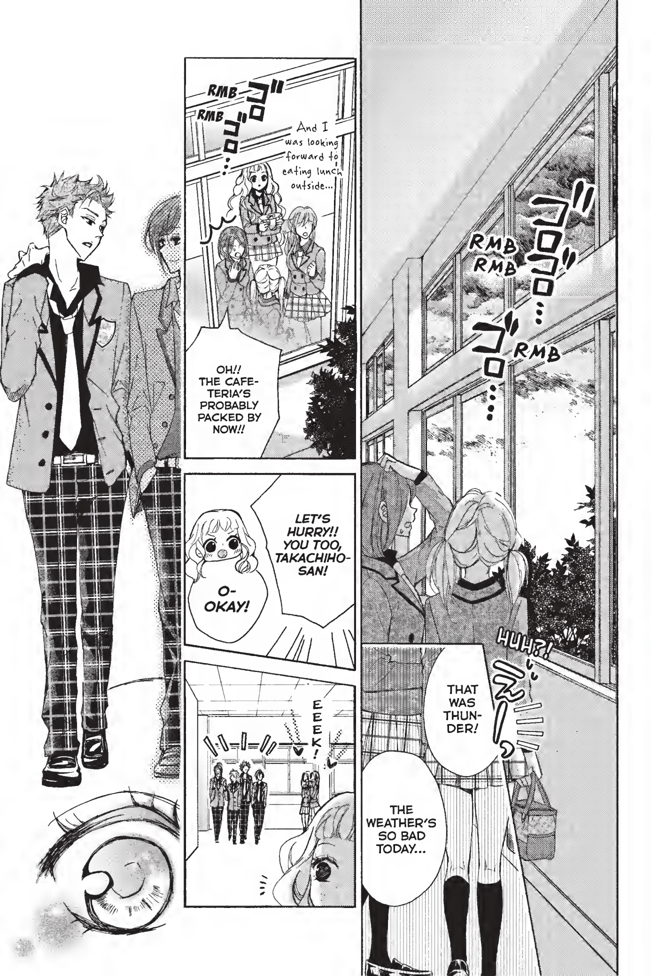
WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE LIGHTS WHEN YOU GO TO SLEEP? UNLESS I'M VERY TIRED, YOUR FRIEND TORIUMI SLEEPS WITH THEM ON. (NOT LIKE A NIGHTLIGHT OR ANYTHING, JUST THE REGULAR LIGHTS.)

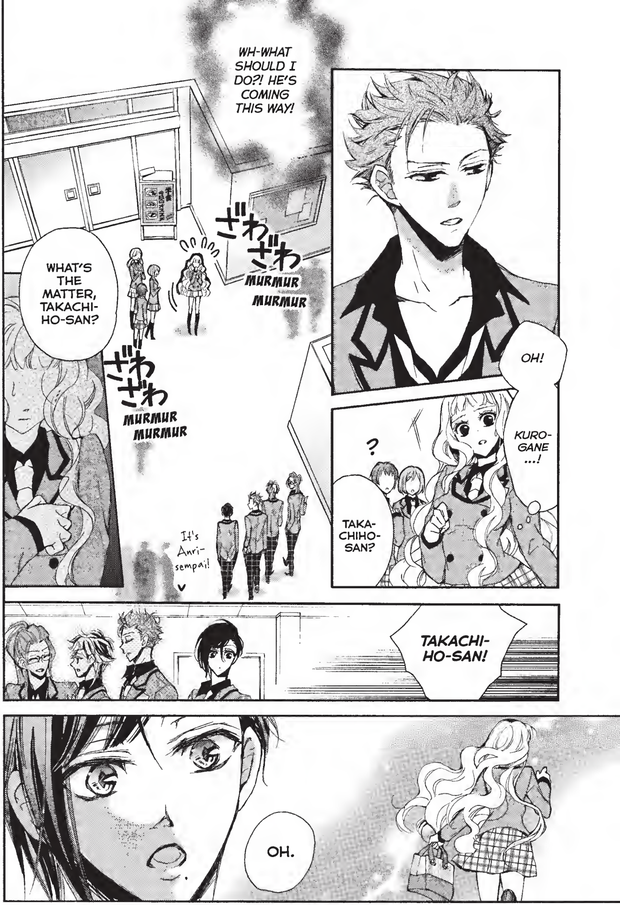
I KNOW IT'S BETTER TO SLEEP IN THE DARK, BUT I JUST CAN'T DO IT... HOWEVER, THERE'S A REASON FOR THAT...

TO BE CONTINUED


...WHAT?
SHH!
YEW FORGOT MY GOOD-NIGHT KISS, MASTER.
WE DON'T KISS GOOD-NIGHT! NOT EVEN ONCE!
GET TO BED!
TOSS
ぺっ
LICK
ぺろっ
...


POOF
ばふっ
!
YEW DIDN'T EVEN SLAP ME? WHAT HAPPENED TO YEW, TAIGA-CHAN?
"I LIKE YOU, KUROGANE."
ぎゅっ
CLENCH
……ゴロゴロゴロ……
RMB RMB RMB

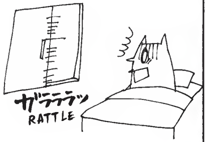

RMB RMB ゴロゴロ…
ゴロ… RMB
HUH?! えー
THAT WAS THUNDER!
THE WEATHER'S SO BAD TODAY…
RMB ゴロ
RMB ゴロ…
And I was looking forward to eating lunch outside…
OH!! THE CAFETERIA'S PROBABLY PACKED BY NOW!!
LET'S HURRY!! YOU TOO, TAKACHIHO-SAN!
O-OKAY!
EEEK!


OH!
KURO-GANE ...!
?
TAKA-CHIHO-SAN?
WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO?! HE'S COMING THIS WAY!
ざわざわ
MURMUR MURMUR
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TAKACHI-HO-SAN?
ざわざわ
MURMUR MURMUR
It's Anri-sempai!
TAKACHI-HO-SAN!
OH.

6 ABOUT LIGHTING CONTINUED

ABOUT WHY I SLEEP WITH THE LIGHTS ON... IT ACTUALLY STARTED WITH A REALLY LAME REASON.
WHEN I WAS A KID, I SPENT THE NIGHT AT MY GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE. AND I WOKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. THEN...

I SAW A DOOR OPEN WHEN NO ONE WAS THERE.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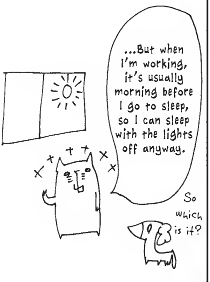
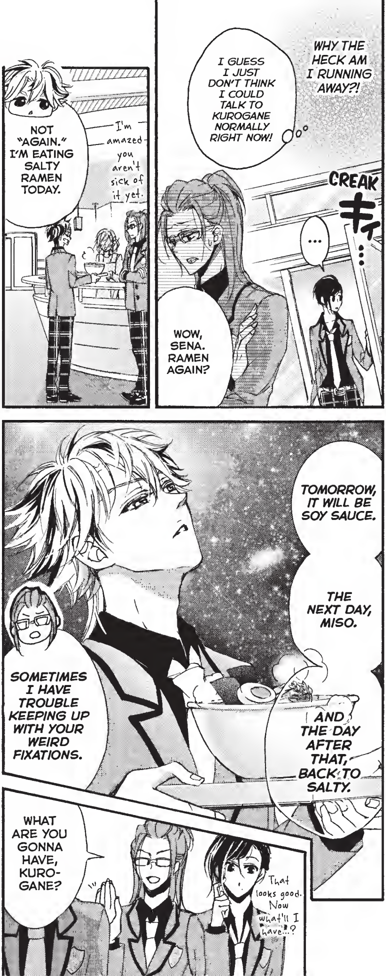
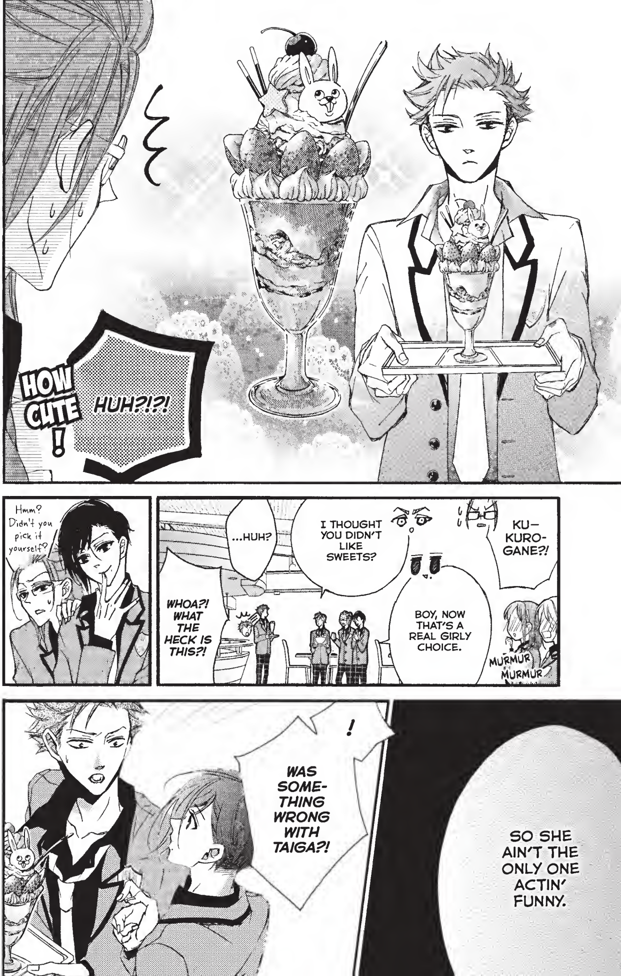
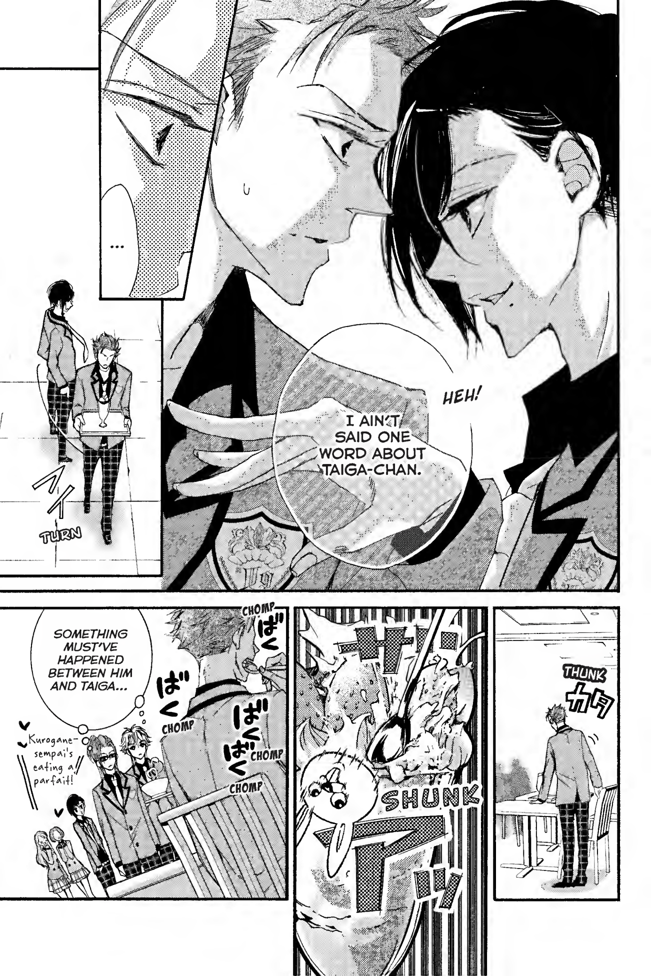
RATTLE

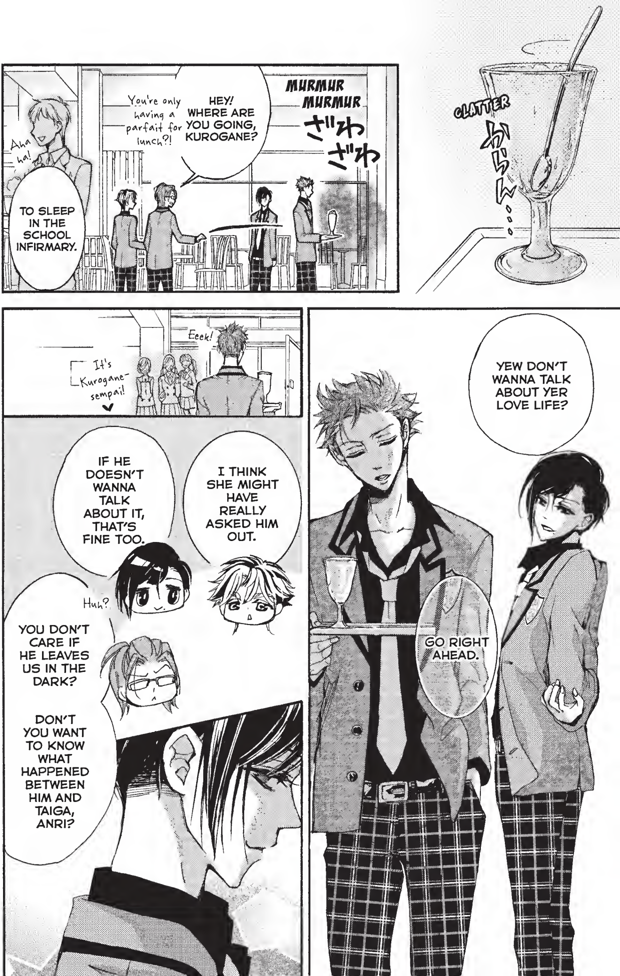
THAT'S ALL. (AND IT'S NOT LIKE I ACTUALLY SAW ANYTHING...) FOR SOME REASON, IT STILL AFFECTS ME.

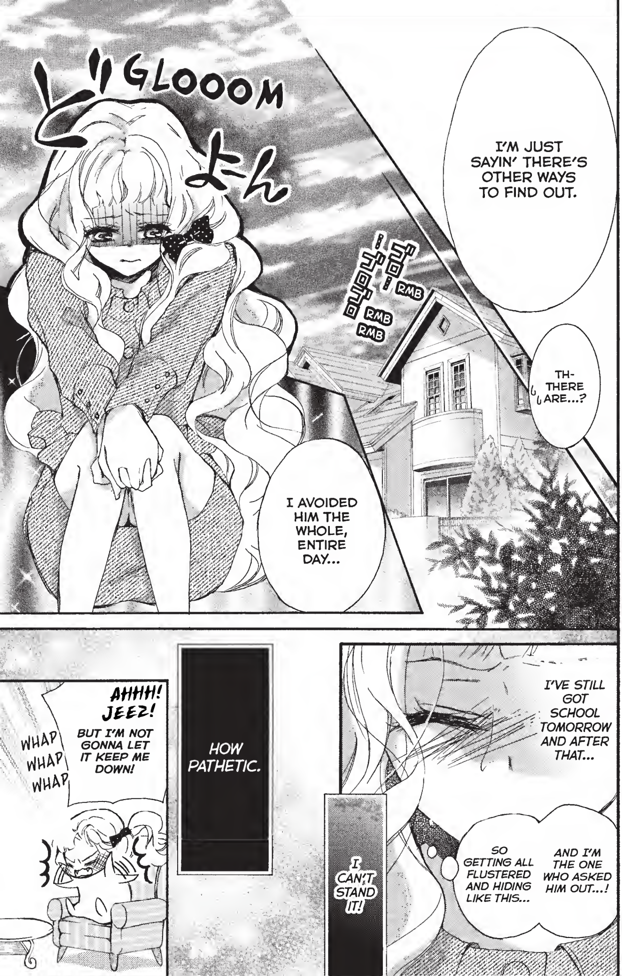

...But when I'm working, it's usually morning before I go to sleep, so I can sleep with the lights off anyway.
So which is it?

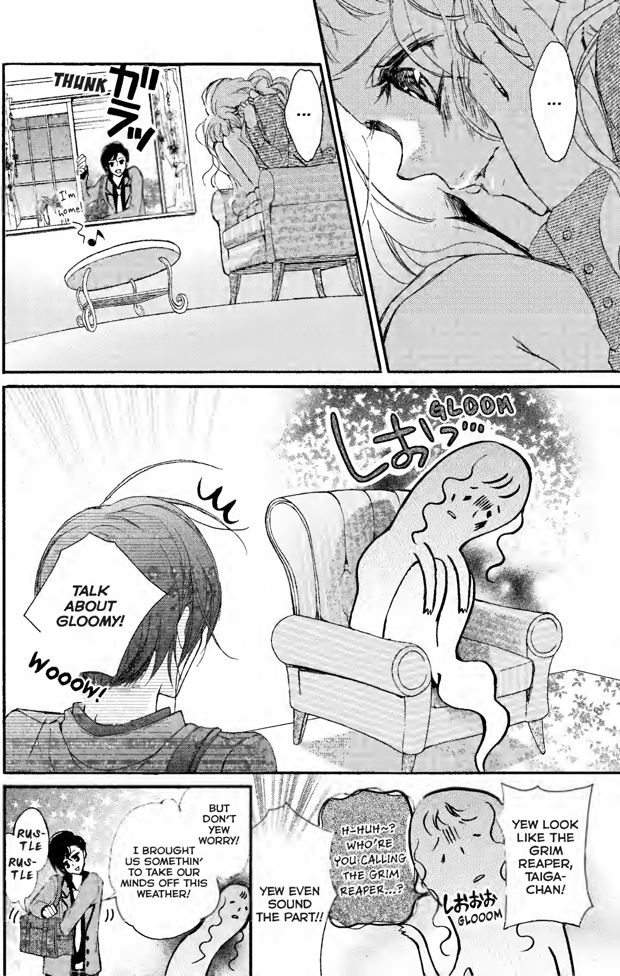

WHY THE HECK AM I RUNNING AWAY?!
I GUESS I JUST DON'T THINK I COULD TALK TO KUROGANE NORMALLY RIGHT NOW!
CREAK キィ
...
WOW, SENA. RAMEN AGAIN?
NOT "AGAIN." I'M EATING SALTY RAMEN TODAY.
I'm amazed you aren't sick of it yet.
TOMORROW, IT WILL BE SOY SAUCE.
THE NEXT DAY, MISO.
AND THE DAY AFTER THAT, BACK TO SALTY.
SOMETIMES I HAVE TROUBLE KEEPING UP WITH YOUR WEIRD FIXATIONS.
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA HAVE, KUROGANE?
That looks good. Now what'll I have...?

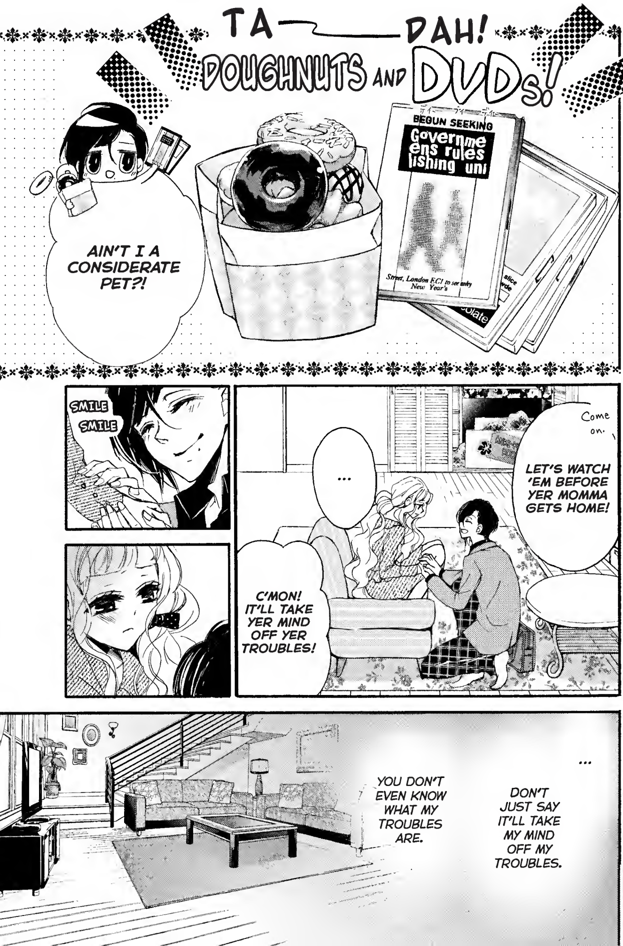

HUH?!?!
HOW CUTE!
KU— KURO-GANE?!
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE SWEETS?
...HUH?
BOY, NOW THAT'S A REAL GIRLY CHOICE.
WHOA?! WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!
MURMUR MURMUR
Hmm? Didn't you pick it yourself?
SO SHE AIN'T THE ONLY ONE ACTIN' FUNNY.
!
WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH TAIGA?!


HEH!
I AIN'T SAID ONE WORD ABOUT TAIGA-CHAN.
...
フイ
TURN
THUNK
カタ
ザッ
SHUNK
CHOMP
ばく
ばく
CHOMP
ばく
ばく
CHOMP
CHOMP
SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED BETWEEN HIM AND TAIGA...
Kurogane-sempai's eating a parfait!


CLATTER
からん…
MURMUR MURMUR
ざわざわ
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING, KUROGANE?
You're only having a parfait for lunch?!
TO SLEEP IN THE SCHOOL INFIRMARY.
Aha ha!
YEW DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT YER LOVE LIFE?
GO RIGHT AHEAD.
Eeek!
It's Kurogane-sempai! ♥
I THINK SHE MIGHT HAVE REALLY ASKED HIM OUT.
IF HE DOESN'T WANNA TALK ABOUT IT, THAT'S FINE TOO.
Huh?
YOU DON'T CARE IF HE LEAVES US IN THE DARK?
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN HIM AND TAIGA, ANRI?


I'M JUST SAYIN' THERE'S OTHER WAYS TO FIND OUT.
TH- THERE ARE...?
ゴロ…ゴロゴロ
RMB RMB RMB
どよん
GLOOOM
I AVOIDED HIM THE WHOLE, ENTIRE DAY...
I'VE STILL GOT SCHOOL TOMORROW AND AFTER THAT...
AND I'M THE ONE WHO ASKED HIM OUT...!
SO GETTING ALL FLUSTERED AND HIDING LIKE THIS...
I CAN'T STAND IT!
HOW PATHETIC.
AHHH! JEEZ!
BUT I'M NOT GONNA LET IT KEEP ME DOWN!
WHAP WHAP WHAP


…
…
ガラッ
THUNK
I'm home!
しおっ
GLOOM
TALK ABOUT GLOOMY!
WOOOW!
YEW LOOK LIKE THE GRIM REAPER, TAIGA-CHAN!
H-HUH~? WHO'RE YOU CALLING THE GRIM REAPER...?
しおおお
GLOOOM
YEW EVEN SOUND THE PART!!
BUT DON'T YEW WORRY!
I BROUGHT US SOMETHIN' TO TAKE OUR MINDS OFF THIS WEATHER!
RUSTLE RUSTLE


TA—————DAH!
DOUGHNUTS AND DVDs!
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BEGUN SEEKING
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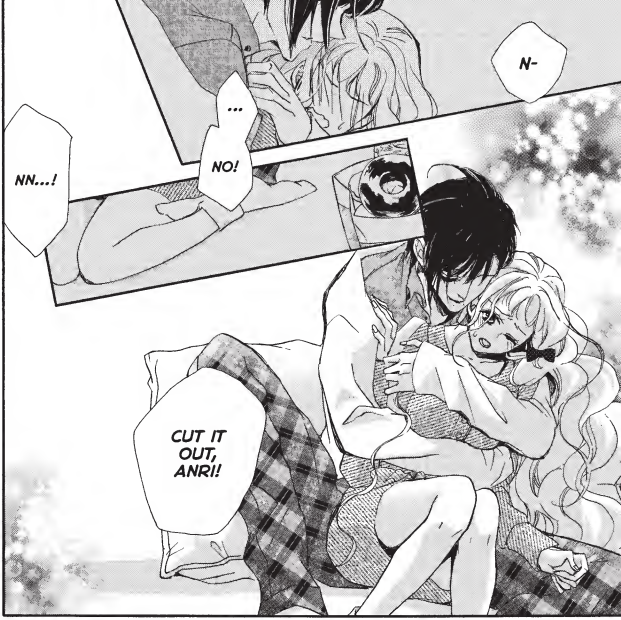
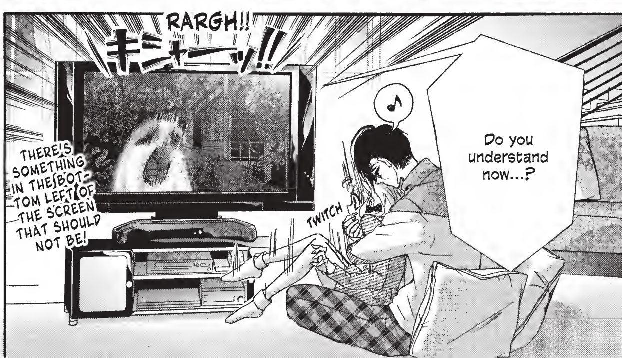
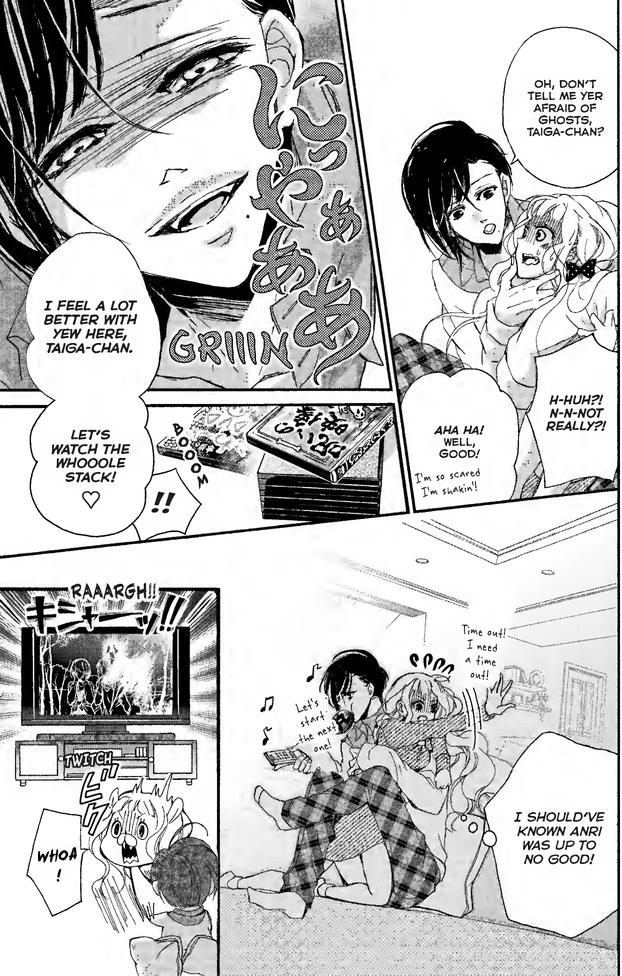
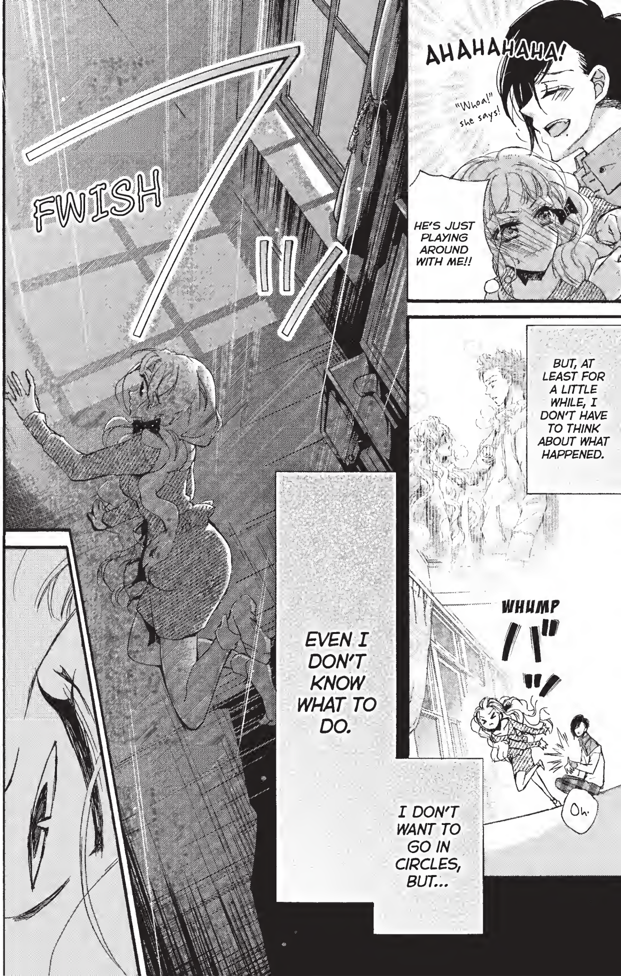
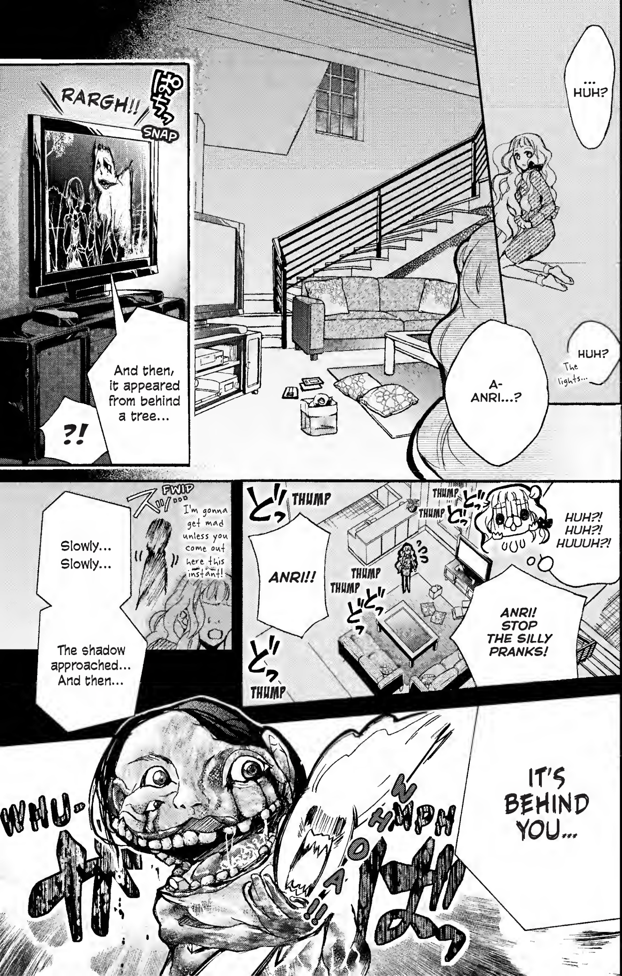
Street, London EC1 to see why
New Year's
slice
wde
olate
AIN'T I A CONSIDERATE PET?!
Come on.
LET'S WATCH 'EM BEFORE YER MOMMA GETS HOME!
ANRI-K
ROO
...
C'MON! IT'LL TAKE YER MIND OFF YER TROUBLES!
SMILE
SMILE
...
DON'T JUST SAY IT'LL TAKE MY MIND OFF MY TROUBLES.
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT MY TROUBLES ARE.

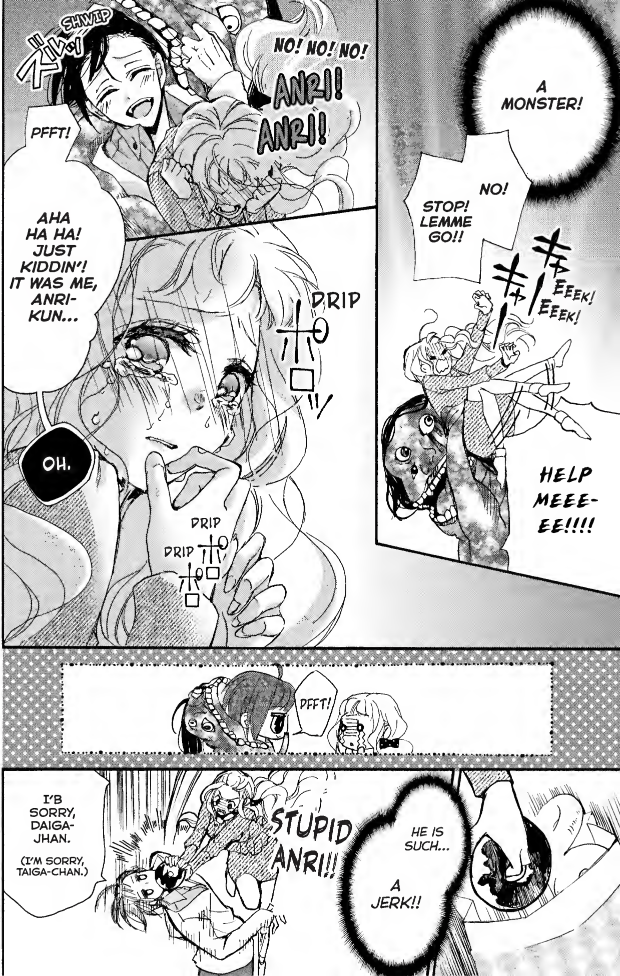

N-
...
NO!
NN...!
CUT IT OUT, ANRI!

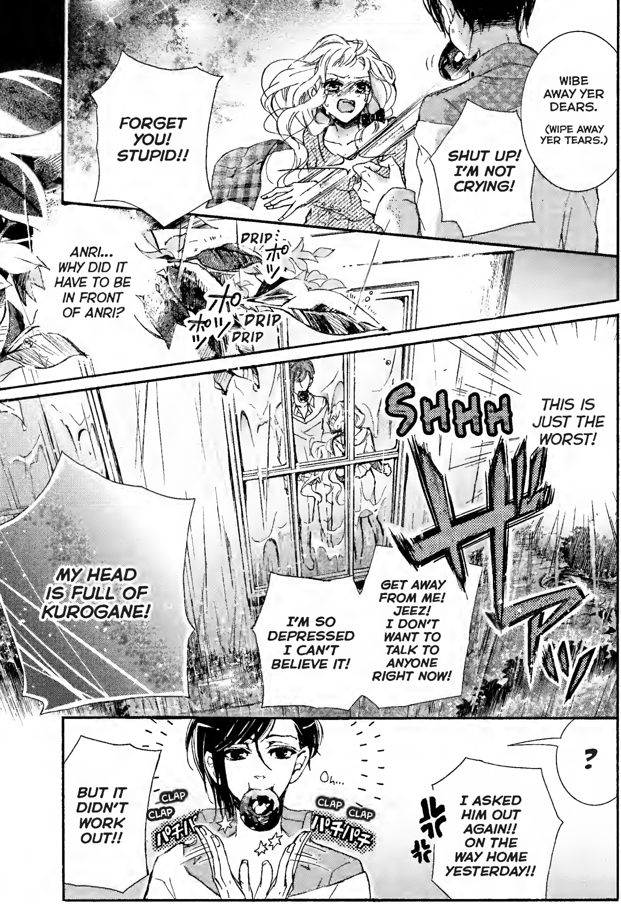

RARGH!!
キシャーッ!!
Do you understand now...?
♪
TWITCH
THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE BOTTOM LEFT OF THE SCREEN THAT SHOULD NOT BE!

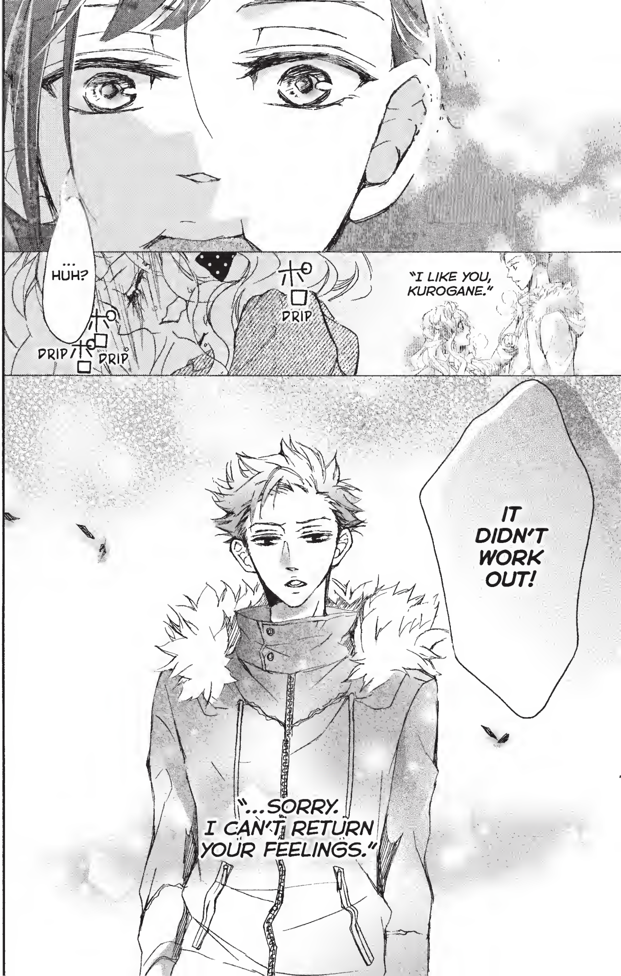

OH, DON'T TELL ME YER AFRAID OF GHOSTS, TAIGA-CHAN?
H-HUH?! N-N-NOT REALLY?!
AHA HA! WELL, GOOD!
I'm so scared I'm shakin'!
にっこぁああ
GRIIIN
I FEEL A LOT BETTER WITH YEW HERE, TAIGA-CHAN.
LET'S WATCH THE WHOOOLE STACK! ♡
BOOOM
!!
Time out! I need a time out!
Let's start the next one!
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN ANRI WAS UP TO NO GOOD!
RAAARGH!!
キシャーッ!!
TWITCH
ビク
WHOA!

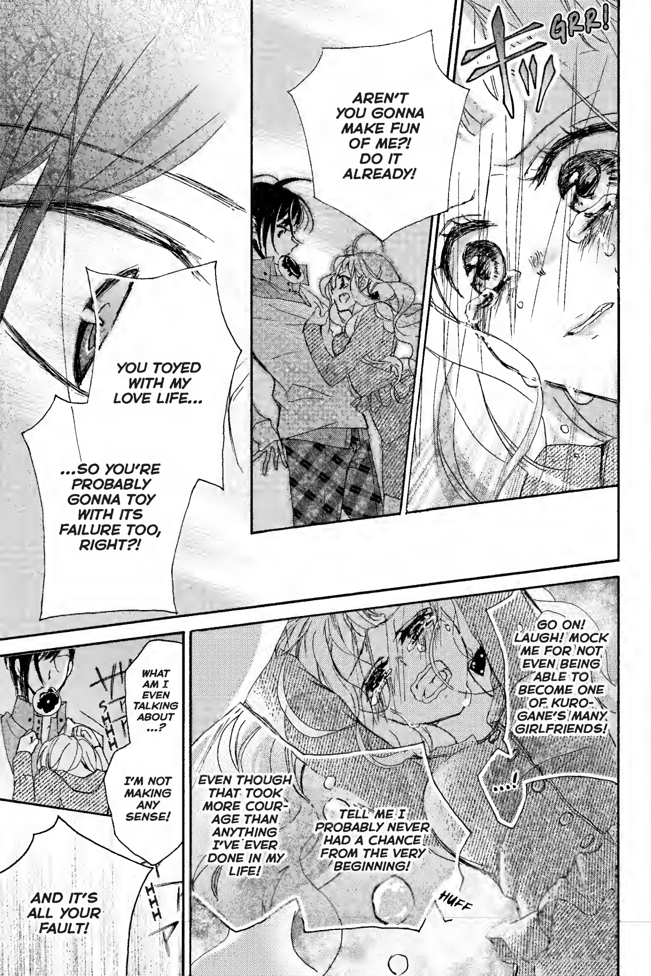

AHAHAHAHA!
"Whoa!" she says!
HE'S JUST PLAYING AROUND WITH ME!!
BUT, AT LEAST FOR A LITTLE WHILE, I DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.
WHUMP
Oh.
FWISH
EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
I DON'T WANT TO GO IN CIRCLES, BUT...

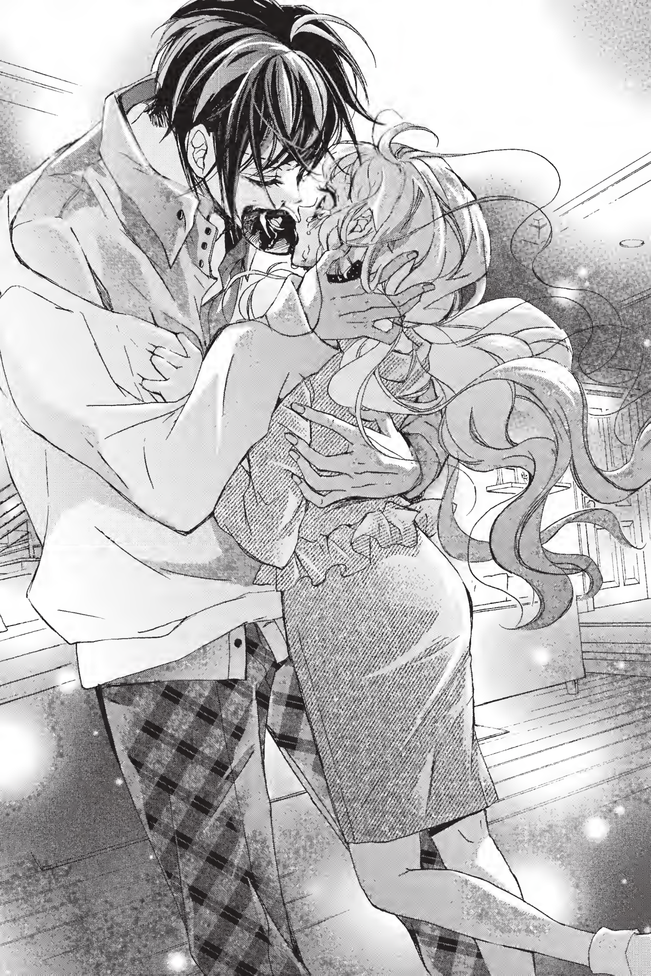

... HUH?
HUH? The lights...
A- ANRI...?
RARGH!!
SNAP
And then, it appeared from behind a tree...
?!
HUH?! HUH?! HUUUH?!
THUMP
THUMP
ANRI! STOP THE SILLY PRANKS!
THUMP
THUMP
ANRI!!
THUMP
THUMP
FWIP
I'm gonna get mad unless you come out here this instant!
Slowly... Slowly...
The shadow approached... And then...
IT'S BEHIND YOU...
WHMPH
OA-!!!
WHU-

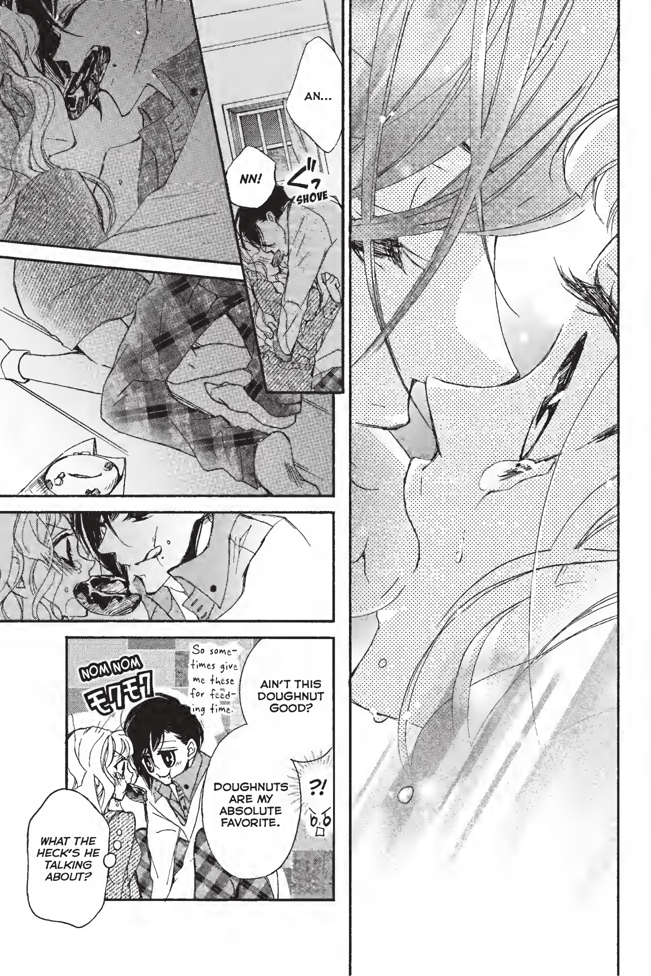

A MONSTER!
NO! STOP! LEMME GO!!
EEEK! EEEK!
HELP MEEEE-EE!!!!
SHWIP
ズルッ
NO! NO! NO!
ANRI! ANRI!
PFFT!
AHA HA HA! JUST KIDDIN'! IT WAS ME, ANRI-KUN...
DRIP
OH.
DRIP DRIP
PFFT!
HE IS SUCH... A JERK!!
STUPID ANRI!!
I'B SORRY, DAIGA-JHAN.
(I'M SORRY, TAIGA-CHAN.)

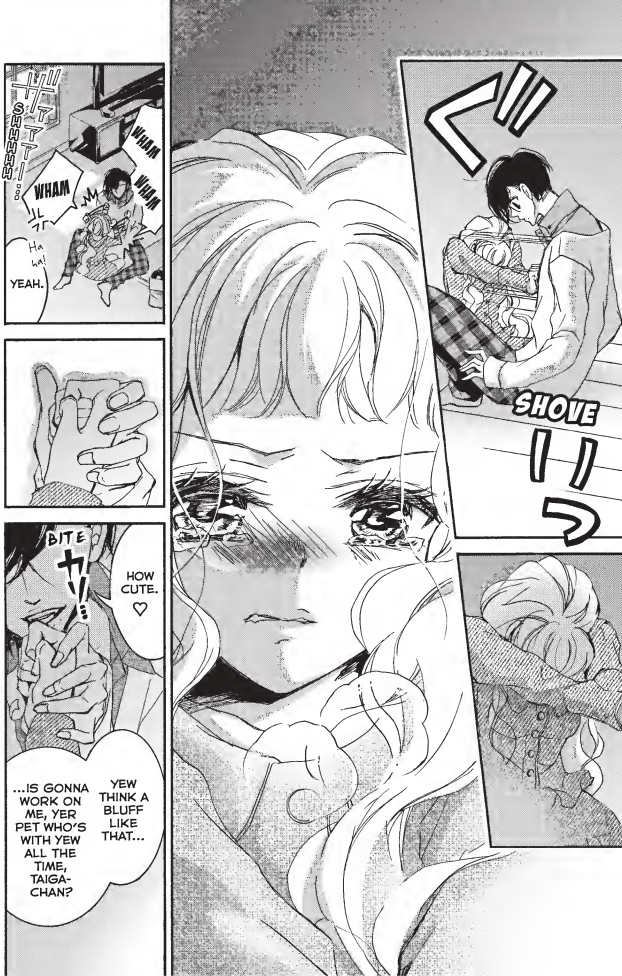

WIBE AWAY YER DEARS.
(WIPE AWAY YER TEARS.)
SHUT UP! I'M NOT CRYING!
FORGET YOU! STUPID!!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
ANRI... WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE IN FRONT OF ANRI?
SHHH
THIS IS JUST THE WORST!
サッ
GET AWAY FROM ME! JEEZ! I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO ANYONE RIGHT NOW!
I'M SO DEPRESSED I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
MY HEAD IS FULL OF KUROGANE!
?
I ASKED HIM OUT AGAIN!! ON THE WAY HOME YESTERDAY!!
CLAP
CLAP
パチパチ
Oh...
CLAP
CLAP
パチパ
BUT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT!!

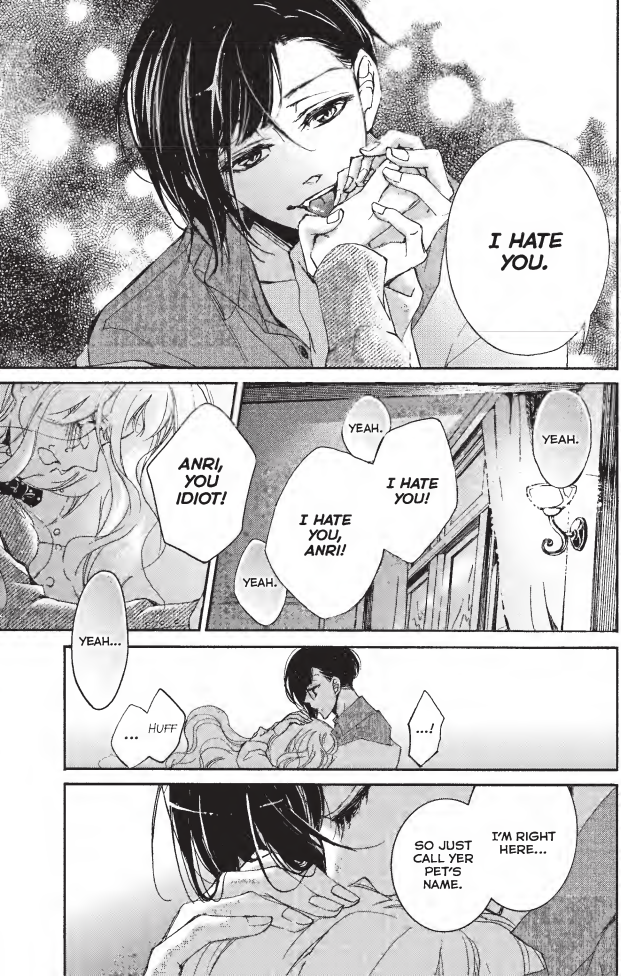

"I LIKE YOU, KUROGANE."
ポロ DRIP
...HUH?
ポロ DRIP
ポロ DRIP
IT DIDN'T WORK OUT!
"...SORRY. I CAN'T RETURN YOUR FEELINGS."

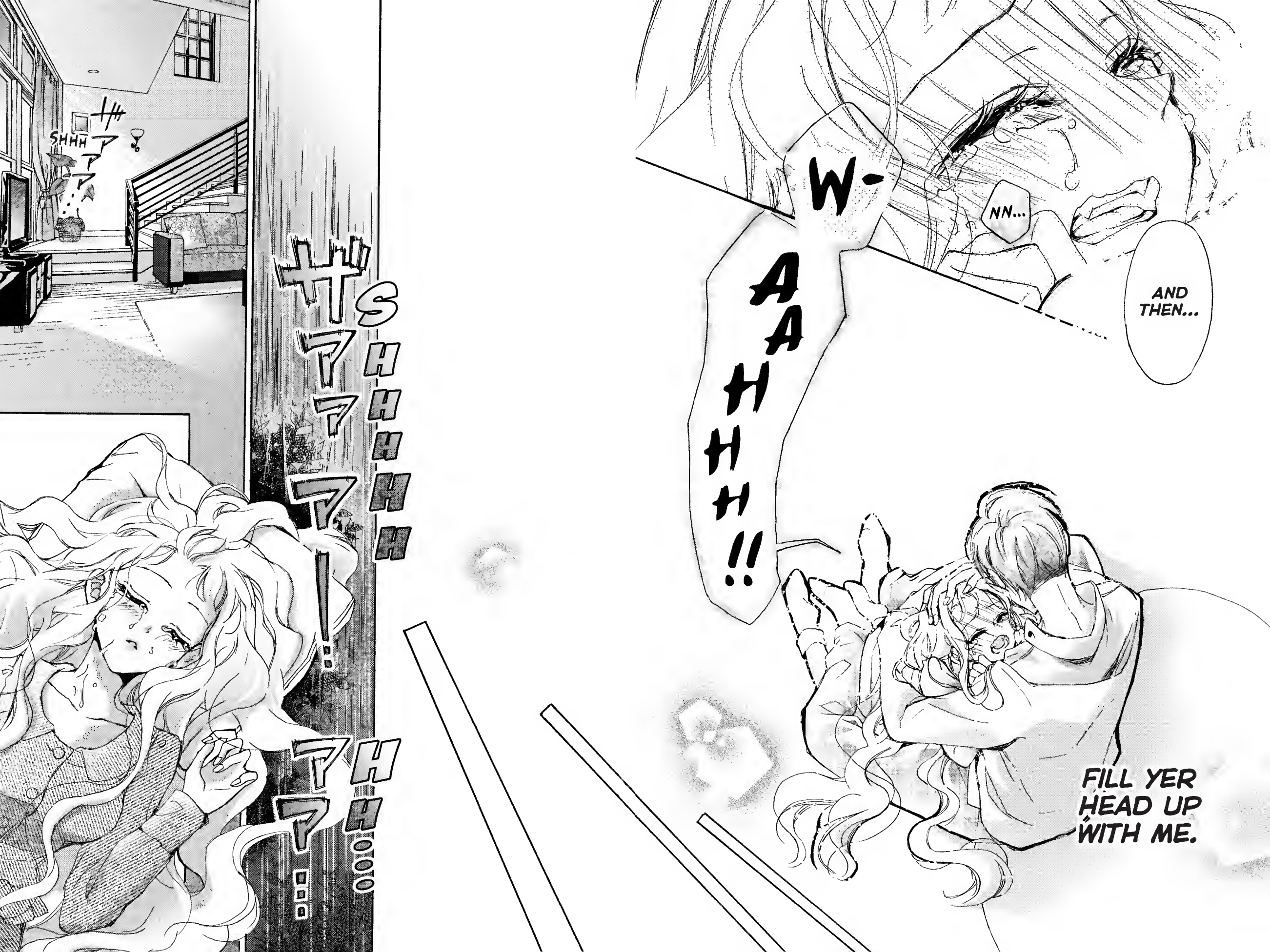

GRR!
AREN'T YOU GONNA MAKE FUN OF ME?! DO IT ALREADY!
YOU TOYED WITH MY LOVE LIFE...
...SO YOU'RE PROBABLY GONNA TOY WITH ITS FAILURE TOO, RIGHT?!
GO ON! LAUGH! MOCK ME FOR NOT EVEN BEING ABLE TO BECOME ONE OF KUROGANE'S MANY GIRLFRIENDS!
...!
TELL ME I PROBABLY NEVER HAD A CHANCE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!
EVEN THOUGH THAT TOOK MORE COURAGE THAN ANYTHING I'VE EVER DONE IN MY LIFE!
HUFF
WHAT AM I EVEN TALKING ABOUT ...?
SHHH
I'M NOT MAKING ANY SENSE!
AND IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!

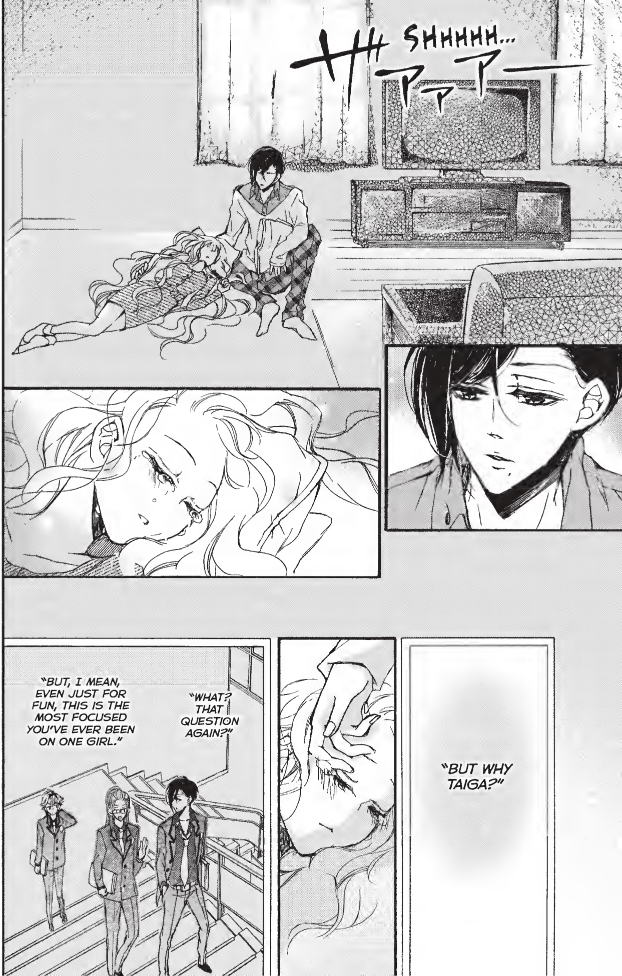


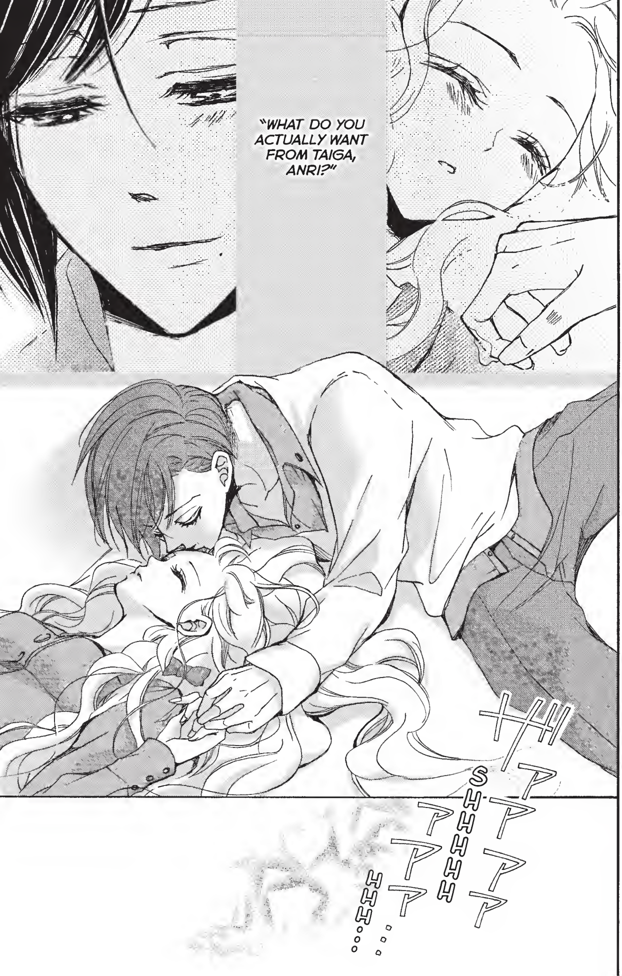

AN...
NN!
SHOVE
AIN'T THIS DOUGHNUT GOOD?
So sometimes give me these for feeding time.
NOM NOM
モグモグ
DOUGHNUTS ARE MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE.
?!
WHAT THE HECK'S HE TALKING ABOUT?


ぐいっ
SHOVE
ザァァァー…
SHHHHH...
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
Ha ha!
YEAH.
BITE
カリッ
HOW CUTE. ♡
YEW THINK A BLUFF LIKE THAT...
...IS GONNA WORK ON ME, YER PET WHO'S WITH YEW ALL THE TIME, TAIGA-CHAN?


I HATE YOU.
YEAH.
I HATE YOU!
YEAH.
I HATE YOU, ANRI!
YEAH.
ANRI, YOU IDIOT!
YEAH...
...!
... HUFF
I'M RIGHT HERE...
SO JUST CALL YER PET'S NAME.


NN...
AND THEN...
W-AAHHHH!!
FILL YER HEAD UP WITH ME.
SHHHHHHHH
ザァァァー!!
HHOOO
ァァ...
SHHH
ザァァァ...


ザァアー
SHHHHH...
"BUT WHY TAIGA?"
"WHAT? THAT QUESTION AGAIN?"
"BUT, I MEAN, EVEN JUST FOR FUN, THIS IS THE MOST FOCUSED YOU'VE EVER BEEN ON ONE GIRL."


"WHAT DO YOU ACTUALLY WANT FROM TAIGA, ANRI?"
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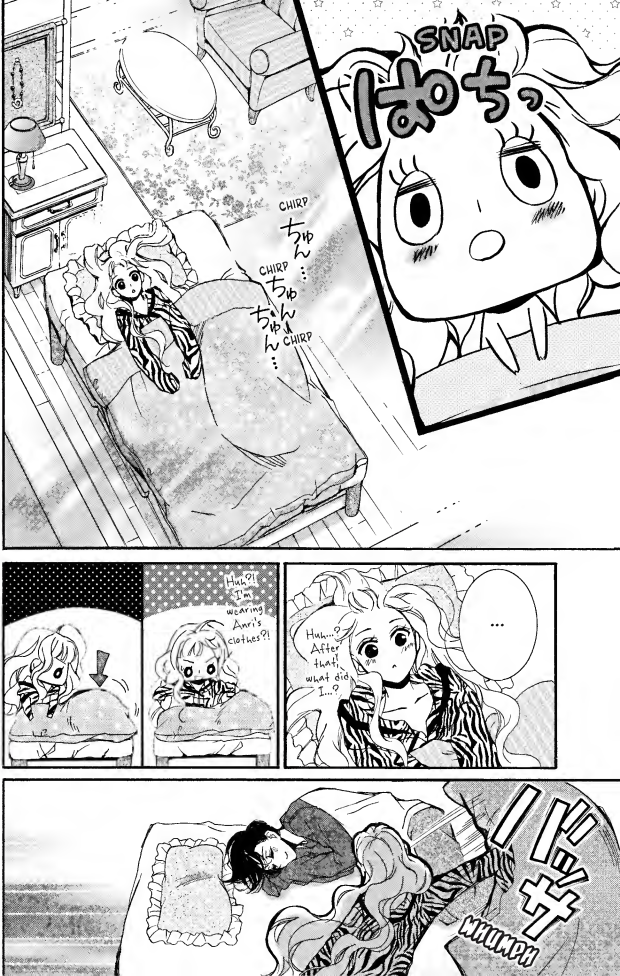
SHHHHHH
ァァァ…
HHH…


SNAP
ぱちっ
CHIRP
ちゅん…
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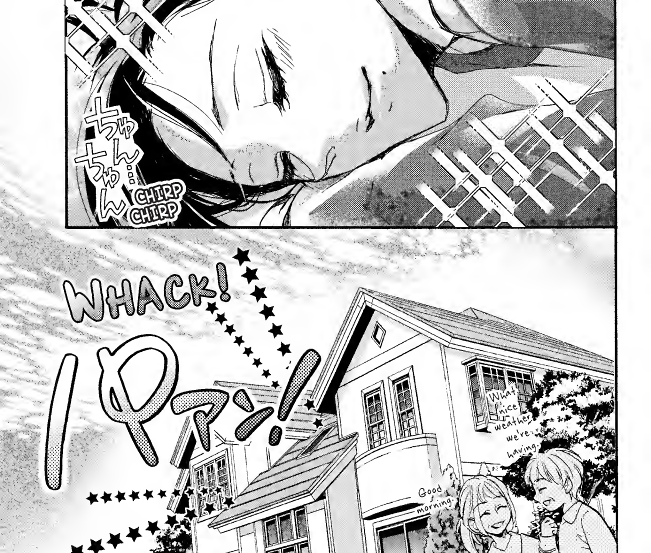
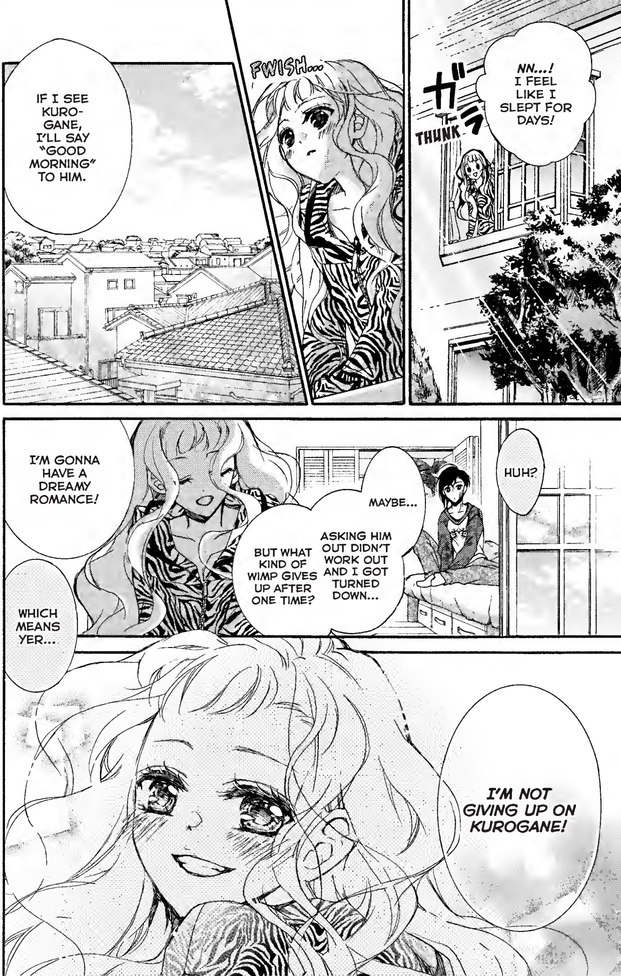
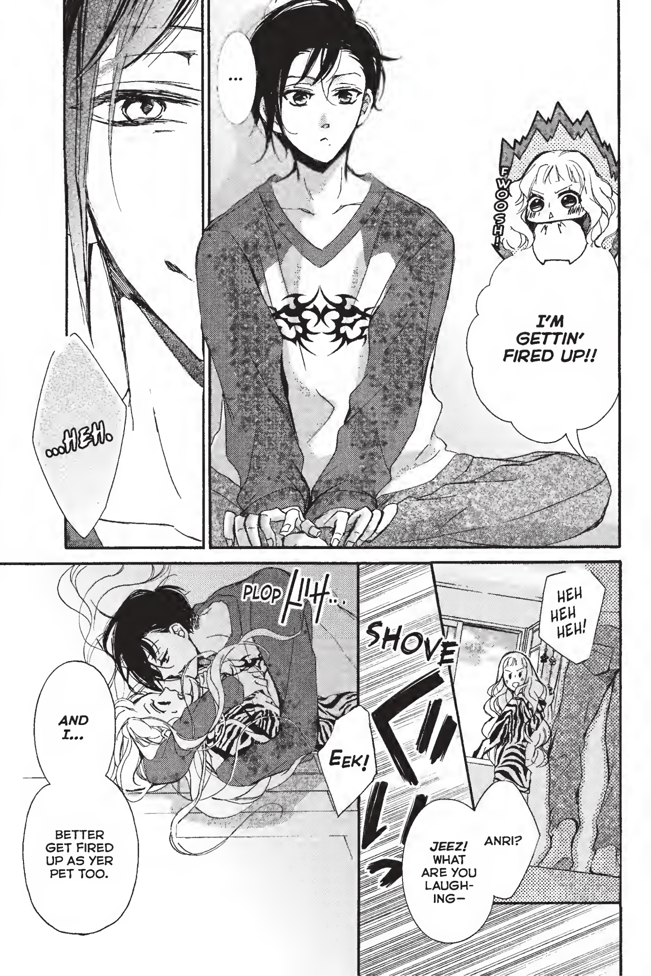
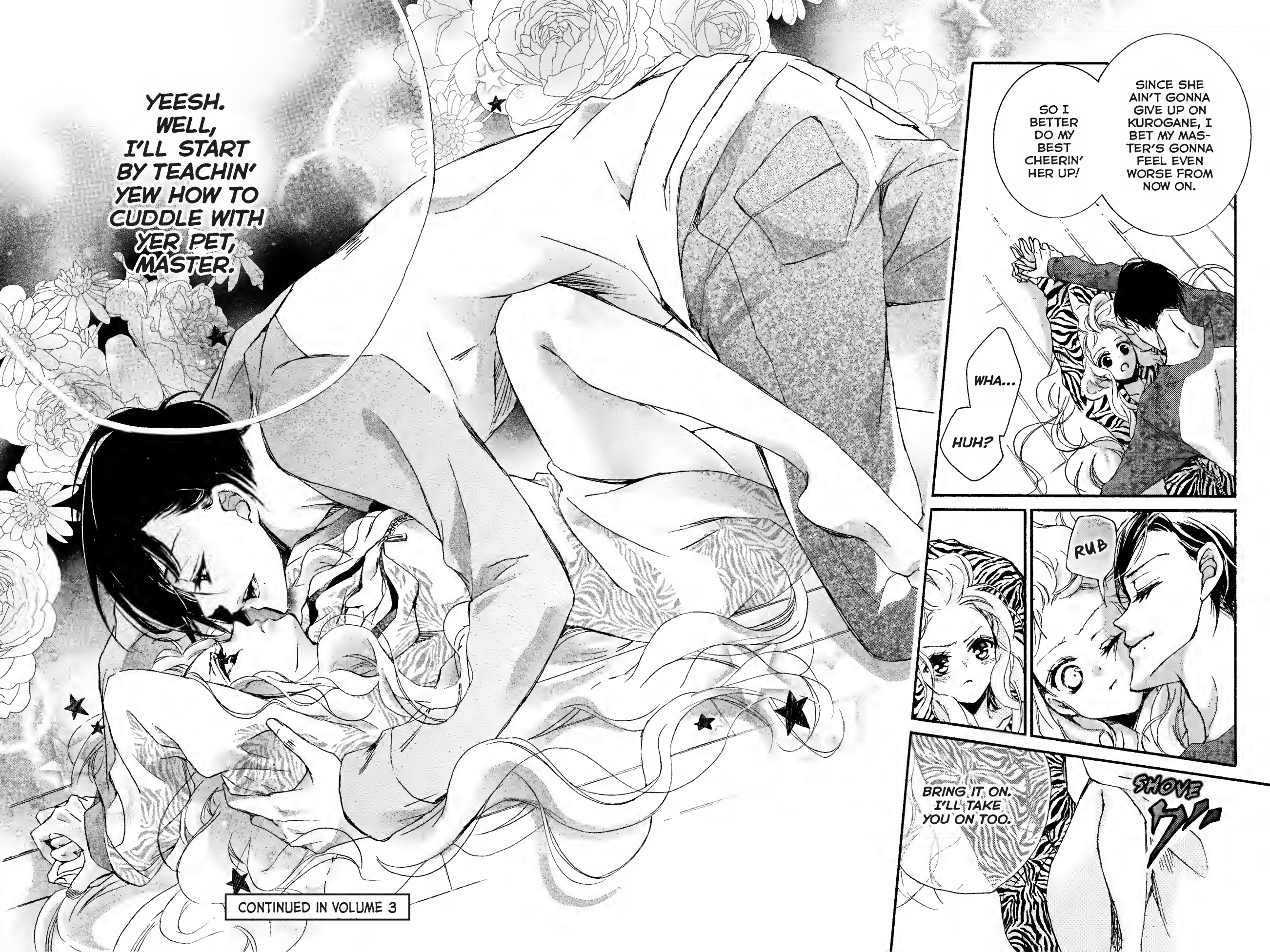
…
Huh…? After that, what did I…?
Huh?! I'm wearing Anri's clothes?!
ドザッ
WHUMPH


ちゅんちゅん…
CHIRP CHIRP
WHACK!
パァン!
What nice weather we're having.
Good morning.
YEOUCH!
WHAT AN AWFUL WAY TO WAKE SOMEONE UP...
HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT OF MY BED?!
UGH....
プンスカ
POUT
もぉー
JEEZ!
HEH!


ガラ
THUNK
NN...! I FEEL LIKE I SLEPT FOR DAYS!
FWISH...
IF I SEE KUROGANE, I'LL SAY "GOOD MORNING" TO HIM.
HUH?
MAYBE...
ASKING HIM OUT DIDN'T WORK OUT AND I GOT TURNED DOWN...
BUT WHAT KIND OF WIMP GIVES UP AFTER ONE TIME?
I'M GONNA HAVE A DREAMY ROMANCE!
WHICH MEANS YER...
I'M NOT GIVING UP ON KUROGANE!


...
FWOOSH!
I'M GETTIN' FIRED UP!!
...HEH.
HEH HEH HEH!
ANRI?
JEEZ! WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING—
SHOVE
EEK!
PLOP
AND I...
BETTER GET FIRED UP AS YER PET TOO.

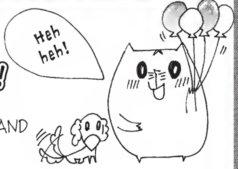

SINCE SHE AIN'T GONNA GIVE UP ON KUROGANE, I BET MY MASTER'S GONNA FEEL EVEN WORSE FROM NOW ON.
SO I BETTER DO MY BEST CHEERIN' HER UP!
WHA...
HUH?
RUB
BRING IT ON. I'LL TAKE YOU ON TOO.
SHOVE
YEESH. WELL, I'LL START BY TEACHIN' YEW HOW TO CUDDLE WITH YER PET, MASTER.

CONTINUED IN VOLUME 3

Hello again!

THIS IS

PEDORO TORIUMI!

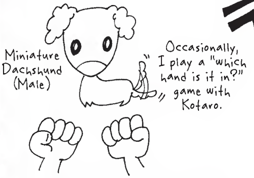


THANK YOU FOR READING "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN" THIS FAR! ✦✦

AFTER STARTING VOLUME 2, THE STORY BEGAN TO MOVE, LITTLE BY LITTLE. ARE THERE ANY CHARACTERS THAT CAUGHT YOUR EYE? WHEN I FINISHED WRITING CHAPTER 3, PEOPLE WERE SAYING, "WHOA! HE MIGHT BE A LITTLE TOO SCARY!" ABOUT KUROGANE, BUT NOW THEY'RE TELLING ME THEY LOVE HIM! I'M REASSURED BY ALL THE KIND PEOPLE OUT THERE. IF YOU HAVE A FEW MOMENTS TO SPARE, I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

IN ORDER TO KEEP THINGS ENTERTAINING FOR YOU FROM NOW ON, I WILL ASK ANRI AND TAIGA TO PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS. I HOPE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO READ VOLUME 3 AS WELL!

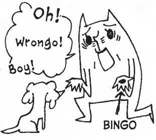
ABOUT THE TORIUMI HOUSEHOLD'S PET KOTARO.


Miniature Dachshund (Male)
Occasionally, I play a "which hand is it in?" game with Kotaro.

THE WHICH HAND IS IT IN? GAME

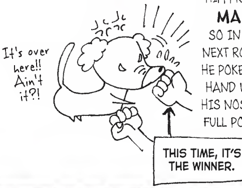
KOTARO'S TREAT IS HIDDEN IN EITHER THE RIGHT OR LEFT HAND, AND KOTARO GUESSES WHICH ONE.

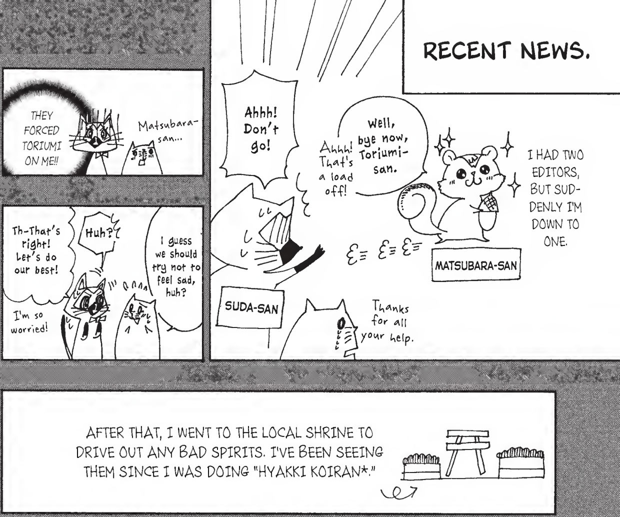
SOMETIMES, KOTARO GUESSES WRONG, AND WHEN HE DOES...


Oh!
Wrongo!
Boy!
BINGO

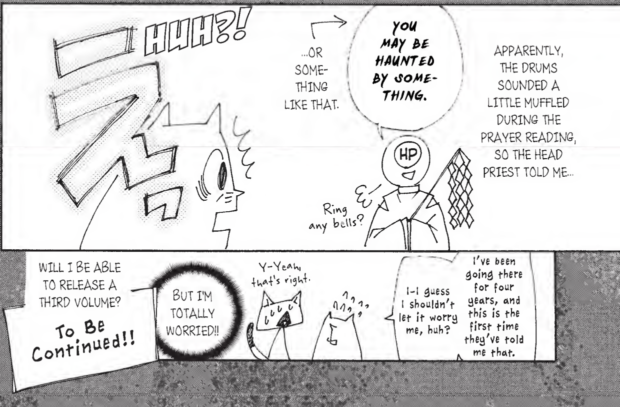
I TEASE HIM A LITTLE.

BUT THIS APPARENTLY MAKES HIM PRETTY **MAD**, SO IN THE NEXT ROUND HE POKES MY HAND WITH HIS NOSE AT FULL POWER.

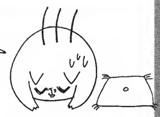

It's over here!! Ain't it?!
THIS TIME, IT'S THE WINNER.


RECENT NEWS.
I HAD TWO EDITORS, BUT SUDDENLY I'M DOWN TO ONE.
MATSUBARA-SAN
Well, bye now, Toriumi-san.
Ahhh! That's a load off!
Ahhh! Don't go!
SUDA-SAN
Thanks for all your help.
THEY FORCED TORIUMI ON ME!!
Matsubara-san...
I guess we should try not to feel sad, huh?
Huh?
Th-That's right! Let's do our best!
I'm so worried!
AFTER THAT, I WENT TO THE LOCAL SHRINE TO DRIVE OUT ANY BAD SPIRITS. I'VE BEEN SEEING THEM SINCE I WAS DOING "HYAKKI KOIRAN*."

*Hyakki Koiran: one of Pedoro Toriumi's previous works, a fantasy love story about a high school girl who can see magical creatures.


APPARENTLY, THE DRUMS SOUNDED A LITTLE MUFFLED DURING THE PRAYER READING, SO THE HEAD PRIEST TOLD ME...
YOU MAY BE HAUNTED BY SOMETHING.
...OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
HP
Ring any bells?
HUH?!
I've been going there for four years, and this is the first time they've told me that.
I-I guess I shouldn't let it worry me, huh?
Y-Yeah, that's right.
BUT I'M TOTALLY WORRIED!!
WILL I BE ABLE TO RELEASE A THIRD VOLUME?
To Be Continued!!

The Sorry It's a Little Late Page!



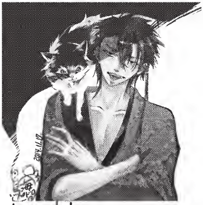
THE LIVE PAINTING VIDEO I DID AT THE INVITATION OF WACOM CO., LTD. HAS BEEN RELEASED ON YOUTUBE.

How a drawing is made!

Rough
↓
Lining
↓
Coloring
↓
Polishing
↓
Complete Image
↑ And you can see it all on video!

RIGHT HERE.

YOUR FRIEND TORIUMI DREW REO, A CHARACTER WHO APPEARED IN "HYAKKI KOIRAN."



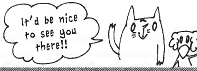
YOU CAN SEE ME FIDDLING WITH MY MEANDERING, MESSY LINE DRAWING AND CHANGING THE COLORS AFTER I APPLY THEM AND DECIDE THEY DON'T WORK FOR ME AND STUFF.

http://tablet.wacom.co.jp/article/
/drawing-with-wacom44

I DID A LOT OF INTERVIEWS TOO... BUT WHEN I READ BACK ON THEM NOW...

Who the heck do you think you are?!
HEY!

...THOUGHTS LIKE THAT FILL MY HEAD. I MUST HAVE BEEN HYPED UP ON ADRENALINE AND BEEN ALL WORKED UP AND OUT OF SORTS. BEFORE THIS I WAS NEVER REALLY INTERVIEWED OR...EVEN TALKED TO MANY PEOPLE... SO WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE A LOOK?!


It'd be nice to see you there!!

SPECIAL THANKS!!

MY PARENTS, UNCLE OSAMU
FORMER EDITOR: MATSUBARA-SAMA
CURRENT EDITOR: SUDA-SAMA
KAZUHA-SAN, IMAIMON, SHIMO-NYAN,
TORA-SAN, MURAKAMI GEVANNI

EVERYONE INVOLVED IN "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN"

AND LAST BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST EVERYONE READING THIS COMIC! THAT MEANS...

♥ ♥ **YOU!** ♥ ♥

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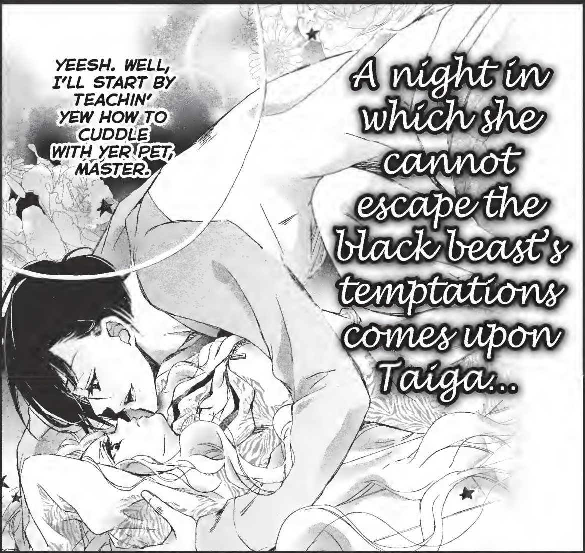
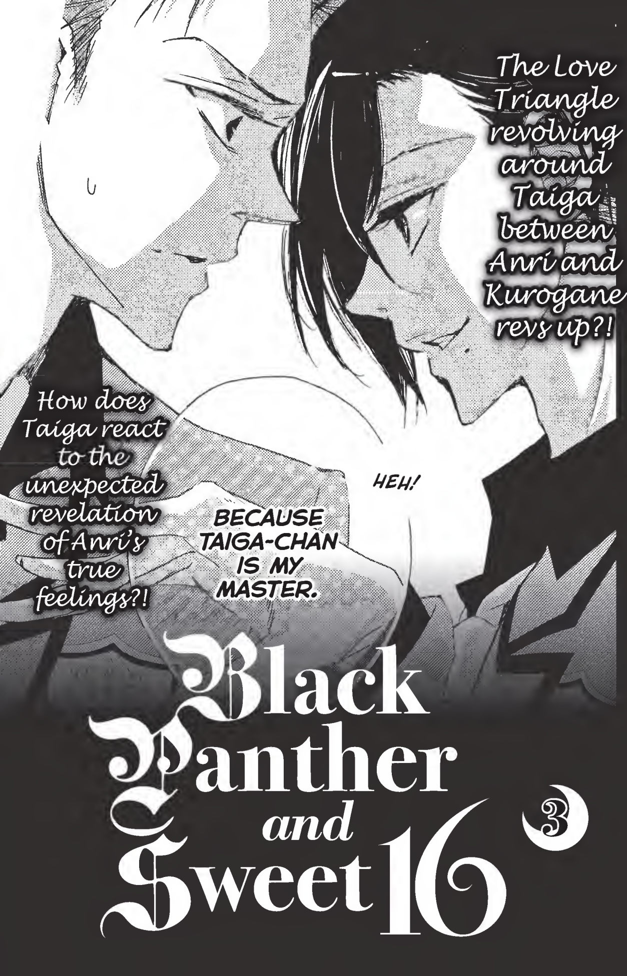
If you have time, I'd love to hear your thoughts~

Let it be sunny again tomorrow
It was Anri-chan.
鳥海 ペドロ
PEDORO TORIUMI


YEESH. WELL, I'LL START BY TEACHIN' YEW HOW TO CUDDLE WITH YER PET, MASTER.

A night in which she cannot escape the black beast's temptations comes upon Taiga...

The maximum difficulty sensual pet-raising mission escalates even further?!


HEH!
BECAUSE TAIGA-CHAN IS MY MASTER.

The Love Triangle revolving around Taiga between Anri and Kurogane revs up?!

How does Taiga react to the unexpected revelation of Anri's true feelings?!

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